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The Death of a Great Church

One of America's most beautiful and historic Protestant churches today stands closed and dark. Once the church of Brooklyn's fashion and society, the 110 year old Church of the Holy Trinity today represents no communion. Its parish has been declared "extinct." The spectre of this fine old Anglo-Gothic structure now dark and silent is a dramatic rebuke to the National Council of Churches of Christ contention that charges of Communist infiltration into American churches are "nonsense."

Indeed, the N.C.C.C. with a temerity long associated with left-wingers and Communists, had the gall to demand that Chairman Francis Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities apologize for even intimating that there had been the slightest discernible trace of Red infiltration in the churches. Mr. Walter promptly invited those signing the officious telegram of the N.C.C.C. to come to Washington and tell their story *under oath* to the American public by way of an open Congressional committee hearing. The paladins of the N.C.C.C. declined the privilege as might have been expected.

The long, depressing, and sordid story of what happened to a fine old church is now no longer sensationalized in the press. Victors and vanquished have gone their separate ways, each side no doubt filled with righteous indignation after the long battle was over and the Church of the Holy Trinity closed perhaps forever. NEWS AND VIEWS, however, after studying and reviewing court records, partisan booklets, and a mass of material available on the bitter controversy feels that there is a lesson and warning in the death of the Church of the Holy Trinity for every Protestant determined to guard his own church against a similar fate. This, then, is the story of how Communists killed a church.

Contrary to widespread misunderstanding, the Communists did not invade Holy Trinity in very recent years to destroy an old conservative congregation for pure malice or mere atheistic devilry. They were apparently called in as badly needed auxiliaries by a faction of liberal and radical "social gospellers" long active in the church. The Church of the Holy Trinity enjoyed a liberal reputation as far back as the '80s or within twenty-five years after its founding in 1847.

When the Rev. Algernon Crapsey of Rochester was charged with heresy because of his unorthodox views on the Virgin Birth, Brooklyn's Church of the Holy Trinity welcomed him with open arms and he later became a member of the parish. A parish member, Edward Shepherd later conducted Crapsey's legal defense.

One of the most scandalous religious books ever to appear in this country, "The Call of the Carpenter," by Bouck White, published in 1911 by Doubleday, Page & Co., which depicted Jesus as a social revolutionary, was written in the

parish house of Holy Trinity unbeknown to the rector, White, at the time, being superintendent of the church's club work.

With a long record of liberalism going back to the 19th century it was not surprising that Holy Trinity looked for another liberal rector in 1904 when the post became vacant. A millionaire Wall Street investment banker, George Foster Peabody, was on the vestry. Peabody was a fervent disciple of Henry George despite the fact that he owed all of his enormous wealth to the very Wall Street manipulations so fiercely denounced by George. The so-called "social gospel" was sweeping through liberal Protestantism and Peabody also worshipped at that false altar. He knew "just the man we want," out in Cincinnati.

The chaplain at the University of Cincinnati was a "leading exponent of the social application of the Christian Gospel." His name was John Howard Melish. At the age of thirty he had already made quite a name for himself in the Midwest. The *Cincinnati Times-Star* had denounced him as mere "muckraker." It carried cartoons showing young Melish hurling handfuls of mud at the fair name of Cincinnati.

Holy Trinity extended an invitation to the young red-haired "muckraker" to become its new rector. Melish laid down two conditions to his acceptance. One, pew rents would have to be abandoned in favor of a "free church" open to all worshippers. Two, he would have the sole right to determine policy and not simply carry out conditions laid down by the vestry. The vestry agreed to both of Melish's demands and the ground was laid for a long series of bitter and humiliating incidents which were to culminate 44 years later in his ouster and 53 years later in the extinction of Holy Trinity.

The *Brooklyn Eagle*, now itself refunct, happily welcomed the new rector as "the young Dr. Parkhurst from the Middle West," Melish's social crusading fame having apparently preceded him. A former football star and athletic coach, the new rector quickly built up one of the best church athletic teams in Greater New York. It was an era when modernist churches were branching out into every field of social activity in order to hold the younger element and to attract others to whom religion was merely a secondary matter.

So-called "higher criticism" of the Bible developed by a whole school of German philosophers and religious critics had crossed the Atlantic and was also seeping through the ranks of many Protestant clergymen. In his sermons, Dr. Melish leaned consistently to the modernist position. He set up a common radical device of the time, a Sunday evening forum where radicals, Socialists, and pacifists could hold forth in the warmth and prestige of a church basement rather than on a windy corner soapbox. Issues a bit too "hot" to handle from the pulpit at the Sunday morning

service were merely routed to the evening forum. When some of the vestrymen and parishioners began to have doubts about Dr. Melish, Wall Street Croesus Peabody brought balm from Gilead in the form of a nice fat check for the budget and all was serene and lovely again.

Although Dr. Melish frequently denied that he was a Socialist he readily admitted his close friendship for and high admiration of many leading Socialists and radical pacifists. Among them were Rabbi Stephen Wise, John Haynes Holmes, and the "atheist Bishop McConnell." He said that he preferred to call himself a "Social Christian."

His opposition to America's entry into World War I naturally created a wave of criticism within his own parish. A friendly biography relates that a serious accident confining Dr. Melish to the hospital for several months probably saved him from being fired. By the time he came out, still partly crippled, the resentment against his unpatriotic stand had been largely dissipated by his long hospitalization.

With the end of World War the century old social and racial pattern of fashionable Brooklyn Heights, where the Church of the Holy Trinity stood, began to change or deteriorate. Business houses moved in and stately old sandstone homes of Brooklyn society were converted into rooming houses. Porto Rican and non-white elements began to crowd into the fringes of the "Heights." As older families of Holy Trinity moved to estates on Long Island the social pattern of the church also began to change.

An assistant pastor, Dr. Bradford Young, openly joined the Socialist Party and campaigned for the Board of Aldermen from a corner soapbox. Dr. Melish pretended to be embarrassed when his assistant rector was jailed overnight in Paterson, New Jersey, in connection with some non-sacerdotal strike activity. This happened to be one of the very first textile strikes in which Communists insinuated themselves and tried to take over direction. After serving with Dr. Melish for thirteen years, Dr. Young departed for New Hampshire in 1939.

Once more Holy Trinity went all the way to Cincinnati to find a new assistant rector. The young pastor of Cincinnati's Christ Church certainly had a unique claim on Holy Trinity's consideration—he had been born in the parish house of the Church of the Holy Trinity in 1910. He was William Howard Melish, the second son of Dr. John Howard Melish!

THE RISE OF WILLIAM H. MELISH

The younger Melish, a graduate of Harvard, also studied at Harry Ward's Union Theological Seminary. A true chip off the old block, the junior Melish had long been closely associated in Cincinnati with Rabbi Abraham Cronbach in various pacifist endeavors. Cronbach has one of the longest Communist front records in the country.

In order to "induce" the younger Melish to come to Holy Trinity, the vestry saw fit to offer him a most unusual contract of tenure. He would enjoy the royal right of succession to the rectorship upon the death or retirement of his father. With life tenure at a substantial annual honorarium, William Howard Melish stepped into a pastorate which would be a dream to most devoted and poor clergymen.

The elder Melish, now 65, confined himself mainly to ministering to the older parishioners while his son took over the church school, office, side activities, and welcoming "new people" to the century old parish. The "new people" turned out later to be largely of ultra-liberal if not radical persuasion. The political coloration of the parish, long a light tea rose pink, began to deepen to a dark vermilion.

During World War II Melish the younger busied himself setting up Russian War Relief chapters in Manhattan and Brooklyn because "he foresaw that the future would be largely shaped by the post-war relations between the United States and the Soviet Union." A friendly biographer states that "in his leisure hours he read the best materials available on the Soviet Union and learned to read Russian." He became a leading and highly vocal advocate of peaceful coexistence with the U.S.S.R. Indeed, he was quite proud of the fact that "the War Department asked him to speak at a number of army posts in the New York area where he addressed thousands of servicemen."

Mr. Melish believed that in order to live peacefully together both the United States and the U.S.S.R. would have to build an effective United Nations. Every form of cultural and intellectual exchange would have to be fostered between the two countries. To secure a wider public understanding and acceptance for such peaceful coexistence Mr. Melish joined with several other New Yorkers in founding an organization devoted to that objective—the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The same pro-Melish source claims that only one vestryman voiced any strong opposition, "nor did any criticism come to the ears of the rector," his father. In the findings of the Subversive Activities Control Board that the National Council was a Communist front, William Howard Melish is listed as an incorporator and founder. Appendix B to the Final S.A.C.B. findings published in 1955 lists William H. Melish as "having been a member of the Communist Party on the record."

In 1946 Corliss Lamont resigned as chairman of the N.C.A.S.F. and the board asked Mr. Melish to take over the chairmanship. After conferring with his father, the younger Melish accepted the chairmanship of what was then the largest and most important front set up by Communists. As luck would have it, shortly afterwards President Truman set up the first loyalty security program for government employees and asked the Attorney General of the United States to supply the government with a list of organizations which were Communist, fascist, or subversive. Needless to add, Melish's National Council of American Soviet Friendship was on the list.

Both Melishes naturally denied that they were Communists,

"but they were concerned with the meaning of communism and the reasons for its increasing spread. Remembering the long struggle between religious institutions and Darwinism, they asked if here might not be some parallel in this matter of Marxism. Here was a body of thought containing at least sufficient truth that in the course of a hundred years it was winning wider and wider acceptance until now it was motivating whole governments under which considerable sections of the Christian church must live. It was not possible to dismiss these new ideas, nor could their implications be evaded. There was the double task confronting the Christian Church of finding a strategy to maintain worthy religious institutions and clarifying intellectually the true relationship between two ideological systems of thought."

(The Melish Case—Challenge to the Church, page 20, an undated publication but printed in the union label shop #412, New York, which did considerable Communist front printing.)

"Their friend, the Arctic explorer Vilhjalmar Steffanson" had also pointed out to them a profound theological observation that there was a striking similarity between the current impact of Communism on western Christendom and the 16th century impact of Protestantism upon Roman Catholicism. (Steffanson, has a long front record and was also a board member of Melish's National Council on American-Soviet Friendship.)

In 1947 Tito's planes shot down an unarmed American plane slightly off course and briefly over Yugoslavian territory. Six Americans died needlessly. The arrest and Communist fake trial of Archbishop Stepinac by Tito's secret police also aroused widespread anger in America. To add to his difficulties Tito was also heading for serious trouble with Stalin which was to lead to an open break between the two Communist dictators a year later.

The Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States thereupon decided that it was high time to whip up some favorable publicity for the Tito regime. Six Protestant clergymen and two laymen were invited to Yugoslavia on an all-expenses-paid tour to report first hand on religious freedom under Communism. The delegation was as fine a handpicked crew of pro-Communist apologists, or simple dupes, as it would be possible to assemble in all Christendom.

Counterattack, a newly founded anti-Communist weekly newsletter, and the American Legion's "Summary of Trends and Developments," devoted several issues to exposing this cynical swindle. Nevertheless, millions of innocent Protestants were taken in by the phony religious facade presented by six well known Protestant ministers journeying to Yugoslavia to learn the truth about religion under Communism. The Rev. Emory S. Bucke, editor of *Zion's Herald*, came back to report:

"We found absolutely no evidence of any restriction by Tito upon religious freedom."

This whitewash mission anticipated by nine years a similar fraudulent enterprise pulled off by top N.C.C.C. hierarchs in 1956. William Melish not only backed up Bucke but added that he had seen "documents" which convinced him not only of Stepinac's guilt but also that other Roman Catholic priests were guilty of plotting against the state—Communist state that is. To work against Communism obviously was a crime in Melish's mind.

MELISH ON TOWN HALL OF THE AIR

As a result of this whitewash junket Melish was invited to appear on the radio Town Hall of the Air program. The subject to be discussed by a four man panel was "How to Combat Anti-American Propaganda in Europe." As Melish had been long engaged in anti-American propaganda in this country, Town Hall certainly picked the right man!

The other participants were Rep. (now Senator) Case of South Dakota, then a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities; Senator Henry Cabot Lodge; and General William "Wild Bill" Donovan of World War I and O.S.S. fame.

Unfortunately for Melish just one week before the program was to go on the air, the U.S. Attorney General issued the first of the Department of Justice's lists of Communist and subversive organizations. This put Town Hall of the Air in a pickle. It did not like the idea of publicizing the chairman of an officially cited Communist front, the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. On the other hand quietly removing him and putting in a pinch hitter at such a late hour would naturally raise a storm of questions, protests, and public derision. There was also the unpleasant

possibility of costly legal action—Communists and Communist fronters have a nasty reputation for quick and costly lawsuits. To make matters worse Gen. Donovan also happened to be chairman of the board of Town Hall of the Air and some one had slipped him the bad news that he had a Communist on his panel. And, "Wild Bill" enjoyed a reputation of never pussy-footing or beating about the bush as far as Communists were concerned. His moral aversion for Commies was deep-seated and implacable.

General Donovan bluntly asked Melish four direct questions:

1. Was he a Communist?
2. Had he been a vice president of the Communist Civil Rights Congress?
3. Had he been a board member of the Communist Jefferson School?
4. And if he was not a Communist why had he accepted the chairmanship of the Communist front National Council of American Soviet Friendship?

Running true to Communist form for such situations Melish ignored the questions and wrapped himself up in a defense of peace and civil liberties which was loudly cheered and applauded by a clique of Communists and sympathizers who packed the studio audience. The radio carried his glib and evasive replies and the clique's loud applause to millions of listeners all over the United States.

This was too much for *Counterattack*. Its December 12, 1947 issue flatly charged that the Rev. William Howard Melish was a "traitor", "Fifth Columnist" "Quisling" and a "member of the Community Party." Melish never sued and apparently did not even demand a retraction.

A freezing atmosphere began to set in against the assistant rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, particularly among the vestrymen. A pro-Melish writer admits that "a formerly friendly attitude on the part of the vestry now changed to cold and implacable hostility." In December 1947 one of the vestrymen was designated by the others to call upon Mr. Melish and invite him quietly to resign as associate pastor. This Mr. Melish refused to do and a ten year war to get rid of him was on.

More and more members of the parish failed to attend services or transferred to other Protestant Episcopal churches. This merely served to strengthen the pro-Melish faction numerically against a dwindling opposition. The two Melishes blamed deep snow and long hard winter for the dwindling attendance. The spiritual atmosphere inside the venerable old church dropped with the thermometer outside but not for the same reason.

THE GATHERING STORM

Dr. John Melish naturally stood by his son and assistant rector—after all the boy was merely parroting ideas planted in his head since childhood by his father. Nevertheless, the younger Melish decided to bend slightly to the storm and he gave up most of his outside speaking engagements. However, like all fanatical radicals, he could not resist the temptation to take an occasional sly pot-shot at the hated "class enemy."

When the anti-Communist motion picture "The Iron Curtain" was released the Communists threw picket lines in front of theatres showing it. The film was based on the sensational espionage activities of Russia in Canada and the United States as disclosed by a defecting Soviet code clerk, Igor Gouzenko. The National Council of American-Soviet

Friendship naturally spearheaded the attacks on the film so Melish soon found himself in hot water with his vestry once more. His defense was quite simple—and typically commie:

As a minister he was dedicated to peace. "The Iron Curtain" and all other anti-Soviet films were deliberately fanning the flames of suspicion and ill will." This in turn could easily "fan the war psychology of the country." He therefore could not retreat from the issue of war and peace "without compromising the spirit of the parish."

It was just as simple as that!

Having unburdened himself of these noble thoughts he went on to add that he would not be intimidated by the House Committee on Un-American Activities or the U. S. Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. He did concede that when his term as chairman of the N.C.A.S.F. expired he might feel constrained to resign for the sake of the parish. But to save his conscience this would have to be entirely an act of free will on his part without any coercion or pressure.

In the spring of 1948 Henry Wallace began his third party campaign for the presidency. The younger Melish was on hand as a delegate at the founding convention in Philadelphia. That summer his father delivered the invocation at a giant rally of the Progressive Party in Yankee Stadium. Informed observers estimated that at least half of the 40,000 wildly cheering Wallaceites were undoubtedly Communists. There was abundant evidence later that the whole Progressive Party idea was strictly a Communist enterprise designed to ensnare and manipulate a large bloc of liberal, labor, and radical votes. However, most Socialists, Trotskyites, and smart radicals shied away from the Wallace bandwagon. Some were even so ungracious as to yell "Commie!" at the Red parade.

THE RED DEAN OF CANTERBURY VISITS HOLY TRINITY

If there is one characteristic of which the Melishes can never be accused it is timidity or shyness. Not satisfied with their foray into partisan politics of a radical hue, the elder Melish decided to really thumb his nose at the congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity. After some difficulty with the Immigration authorities, the notorious Red Dean of Canterbury, Hewlett Johnson, came to the United States for no apparent good reason. The Communist press gave away his importance to their cause by the fervor of their welcome. Only Stalin himself would have received a wilder Communist welcome.

Dr. John Melish invited the Red Dean to preach in Holy Trinity. There was, of course, a perfectly rational explanation for this outrage. Years before when he had visited England as an exchange preacher, the elder Melish had been received by the Red Dean. *Inviting him to the pulpit of the Church of the Holy Trinity was therefore nothing more than a gracious return courtesy!*

Knowing full well that all anti-Communist parishioners would stay away, the Melish supporters resorted to an old Communist tactic of "packing the meeting" with that type of rabid radical so familiar to Madison Square Garden in the good old days. The *Daily Worker* crowed that the line of those seeking to enter Holy Trinity to hear the Red Dean "extended four deep around the block." The police had to close the doors when 1,500 Red Dean worshippers had crowded into the famous old church. *Most of them had probably never seen the inside of a church in their lives!*

This outrage appears to have been the last straw to break the long suffering patience of both congregation and

the bishop of the diocese. After a long inquiry Bishop James Pernette DeWolfe ordered the severance of the pastoral relationship of Rector John Howard Melish. Melish promptly denounced his bishop as having "violated Protestant Episcopal law" and said that he would stay on as long as the congregation wanted him. It was all "a struggle to maintain democracy and freedom of speech in the church", Melish added. It was obvious that the pro-Melish faction, tightly organized and fanatical, had a safe majority of the parish. Melish announced that 70% of the parish supported him.

The anti-Melish vestry contested this claim. They had conducted a referendum and found that 156 parish members felt that the activities of the Melishes had been detrimental to their church, 136 supported the two ministers, and 14 were neutral. The remaining 200 parishioners did not bother to reply, they were probably already on their way out to other churches.

The Melishes also boasted that they had plenty of outside support in the Protestant Episcopal church. At least four bishops were in their corner: the Right Rev. Theodore R. Ludlow, Suffragan Episcopal Bishop of Newark, N. J.; The Right Rev. William Scarlett, Bishop of Missouri; the Right Rev. Donald B. Aldrich, Dean of the chapel at Princeton and formerly Bishop of Michigan; and the Right Rev. William Appleton Lawrence, Bishop of western Massachusetts. This was a startling development in the history of the Protestant Episcopal Church as bishops traditionally avoided interfering in each others jurisdiction.

THE YOUNGER MELISH BRANDED A COMMUNIST

At this point the New York World-Telegram Pulitzer prize-winning columnist and anti-Communist crusader, Frederick Woltman, entered the fray. The April 28, 1948, issue of that paper carried a long condensed summary of William Howard Melish's seven year pro-Communist record. According to Woltman the assistant rector of Holy Trinity had sponsored a Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges in 1941, had written appeals urging pardon for a convicted Communist perjurer, Morris U. Schappes; had contributed articles to the Communist *New Masses* and other party line publications; had congratulated the *Daily Worker* on its 20th anniversary; and had been photographed marching in a May Day parade, reversed collar and all. He had also signed a number of open letters, petitions, and protests of a strictly Communist nature invariably listing the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, behind his name, according to Woltman.

The following day the World-Telegram columnist dropped a real bombshell on the Melish controversy. Woltman disclosed that the Political Committee of the Communist Party in the winter of 1943-4 had sent Louis Budenz, then editor of the *Daily Worker* to check on the political reliability of William Howard Melish. The Communist Party was considering Melish for an important post in a front organization but first wanted to make sure that he was "reliable."

Budenz spent an hour with Melish in his rectory and came away convinced that the C. P. could place implicit faith in the young clergyman. Budenz related:

"He told me he had a great admiration for our leaders and would like to become better acquainted with each one of them. He also appreciated the fact that the party had stood up well under its great difficulties and was not vanquished by events. He said he had no doubt

that a new type of democracy was arising in Russia."

Two years later Budenz confirmed this statement under oath at a trial in Connecticut.

In January, 1949, the vestry of Holy Trinity again requested Bishop DeWolfe to terminate the rectorship of John Howard Melish. The resolution was passed nine to one. Because of the peculiar contract which William Melish had secured in 1939, only his father, the rector could discharge him. Thus in order to rid the parish of the son it was legally necessary to discharge the father. The ensuing and bitter ten year struggle was not so much to get rid of the rector, the elder Melish, who was approaching retirement age anyway, as it was to rid the church of the incubus of having a Communist party member as associate rector and his scandalous outside activities which threatened to wreck the parish.

JOHN HOWARD MELISH FORCED OUT

On March 2, 1949, Bishop DeWolfe served formal notice that the pastoral relationship between the Church of the Holy Trinity and the Rev. John Howard Melish was dissolved as of April 4th, 1949. This would also terminate the ten year assistant rectorship of William Howard Melish. The elder Melish would receive his full salary as a pension for the rest of his life.

With an alacrity and zeal usually associated with Communists, an *ad hoc* "Committee to Retain the Rector" sprang to arms almost overnight. Defying the vestry, this committee called a meeting which voted 261 to 27 to oust the nine vestrymen. The vestry perforce had no choice but to resort to the courts to set aside an entirely illegal maneuver to seize control of the church. The committee's zeal to protect the Melishes becomes a bit easier to understand when it is recalled that the parish had a net investment value of some \$400,000, a considerable part of which was in liquid assets.

At this point it seems appropriate to comment briefly on the role of the powerful *N. Y. Times* in what was purely an inner church controversy. While the *Brooklyn Eagle* and other metropolitan papers played the story as straight news, the *N. Y. Times* could not hide its pro-Melish sympathy, editorially and in news slanting, throughout the long controversy. The Melishes and their supporters never seemed to have much trouble getting their side of the imbroglio into the *Times* including long direct quotations. The *Daily Worker*, needless to say, also was in the Melish corner from the very beginning and the left-wing *National Guardian* was more than liberal with space coverage favoring the Melishes.

When April 4th arrived, Dr. Melish simply ignored the ouster order of Bishop DeWolfe and carried on as if nothing had happened. A week later, on Palm Sunday, his sermon consisted largely of a denunciation of the North Atlantic Treaty alliance. Bishop DeWolfe perforce had to appeal to the courts to carry out a purely ecclesiastical order. There followed ten years of endless litigation through the courts—state and Federal—which would be tedious and extremely involved even to summarize in briefest form.

As fast as one court or judge handed down what appeared might be a final decision, appeals were immediately filed in other or higher courts. The final legal costs must have run into six figures. The Melish case was aired before the New York State Supreme Court no less than six times and before the Appellate Division twice. It reached the U. S. Supreme Court in February, 1951, and that court surprisingly enough refused to grant a writ of certiorari.

When the 56th Triennial General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church met in San Francisco in 1949,

it ducked the Melish case. The House of Deputies simply refused to consider a proposed change in canon law which would provide for special parish meetings to vote on the retention of a rector who had been dismissed by his bishop. The younger Melish who attended the convention happily noted that the House of Bishops had supported him, at least by implication when it passed a resolution urging the United States to make every effort at a rapprochement with Soviet Russia—*just what he and his father had been advocating for years!*

THE VIRUS SPREADS

By 1950 no less than eight bishops and 1123 Protestant Episcopal clergymen had rallied to the defense of the Melishes, or at least so their supporters claimed. If the figure of 1123 is correct, then it is obvious that most of them could not be Communists going to the defense of a comrade in trouble. Most of them were probably not even pro-Communist sympathizers or dupes. Their support of an identified Communist, with a long record of pro-Communist activities offensive to his parish and church, can only be explained by the fact that Communists, at least in this country, have been amazingly successful with a tactic known as "broadening the base" of any important issue.

"Broadening the base" means to arouse and mobilize literally thousands of non-Communists and sometime even anti-Communists to fight for an issue which is represented to be a defense of basic civil liberties or traditional American values when actually it is nothing more than a defense case of a lone Communist or member of a minority group. No other sect or group, religious, political, or radical in the history of this country has ever been able to exert a greater leverage and to move larger masses of innocent and well-meaning people into widespread and yet well coordinated action behind some cause of vital interest at the moment to the Communists.

This extraordinarily successful leverage tactic of the Communists still baffles experts and wins their grudging admiration. It is a testimonial to the marvelous organizing efficiency of that special Communist apparatus set up to arouse and mobilize large segments of the non-Communist population in behalf of party enterprises. A nationwide network of highly placed people, able to influence public opinion, can be mobilized in a matter of hours apparently by a few telephone calls in an endless chain system of amplification in behalf of some important Communist cause.

This, is yet little understood, Communist manipulatory power, gives the lie to that common fallacy that the Communist Party's strength and potential for mischief can be accurately measured by its membership. As well limit a man's lifting power to that weight which he can pick off the ground with his arms and back. What of the crane operator who at the touch of a lever picks up a 25 ton locomotive and deftly places it in the hold of a ship? Communists are not muscle-bound strongmen who use their own physical strength to achieve a purpose. They are power manipulators handling levers and machinery which enormously amplify their own limited efforts and capacities.

Three years after his official ouster, Dr. Melish delivered what he called his "last sermon." The sermon lauded Moses as a "revolutionary leader" and stressed that all human progress had been sparked by the "revolutionary spirit of man." Because of failing health Dr. Melish spoke from a wheelchair. In the meantime his son, whose own pastorate had been terminated with that of his father, blithely continued to fill the vacant pulpit as "acting rector." Under canon law Bishop DeWolfe, who had removed the elder

Melish from the rectorship, was unable to remove the son because he had never been legally assigned to the post.

In 1954 the Subversive Activities Control Board held long hearings on a government petition that the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship be declared a Communist front. William Melish appeared as a witness in behalf of the N.C.A.S.F. He admitted some former Communist front activities, denied others, or simply could not recall whether or not he had lent his name or support to still others.

Melish reversed previous testimony and now admitted, when confronted with proof, that he had also been a vice president of the Civil Rights Congress. The C.R.C. had replaced the malodorous International Labor Defense as the chief legal bulwark of the Communist conspiracy and its numerous fronts. He also admitted that he had permitted Neighborhood Films to use the office of Holy Trinity church as its address. Earl Robinson, an identified Communist, was the head of Neighborhood Films. Melish blandly replied that he did not know whether Robinson was a Communist or not. He was also of the belief that it was entirely possible for a "good Christian to be a Communist under certain qualified circumstances." He admitted he had marched in two Communist May Day parades.

The S.A.C.B. report beginning on page 20 is quite enlightening as to the Rev. Melish's credibility as a witness *under oath*:

"The witness Budenz testified that at a Party Politburo meeting in late 1944 or early 1945, a high Party official told him that William Melish was a member of the Party and was being considered by the Party for chairman of the National Council but they wanted Budenz to visit Melish for the purpose of determining his integrity as a Communist; that he (Budenz) subsequently visited Melish and after asking Melish to write an article for the Daily Worker, to which Melish agreed, he told Melish that he was aware that Melish was a member of the Communist Party and that their discussion would be on that level. Budenz also testified that Melish stated at the time that he was a member of the Communist Party, that he had the highest respect for the Party and its leadership, and, that he understood fully the obligations which rested upon a member of the vanguard of the proletariat. Further, Budenz testified that he reported back to the Party official on his visit with Melish and was told the report was satisfactory.

"Melish, upon being called as a witness for respondent, admitted that he had a visit with Budenz and placed the time as May 1944. Melish testified that he expressed to Budenz that he (Melish) was interested in a number of the community activities which the Communist Party had been supporting; that he did not tell Budenz he understood the importance of Communist Party discipline nor have any discussion with Budenz on the subject; that he did not tell Budenz that he understood fully the obligations which rested upon a member of the vanguard of the proletariat. Melish further testified that he is not and never has been a member of the Communist Party.

"The Melish assertion that he never has been a member of the Communist Party is not credible when viewed in the light of his entire testimony. To illustrate, in addition to Budenz' testimony, it is shown that for several years, terminating in January, 1948, Melish was on the Board of the Jefferson School of Social Science and a member of the committee that dealt primarily with its curriculum. Other evidence shows that the Jefferson School devotes its activities to teaching Marxism-Leninism in its teaching. The Director of Curriculum, when Clontz (another witness) attended the School, was a Communist Party functionary charged with the duty,

among others, of insuring that the School adhered to Communist Party positions.

"Melish wrote articles for the Daily Worker, official organ of the Party, and knew that Budenz, the managing editor, was a Communist. On several occasions he went to the office of the Daily Worker in the Communist Party headquarters building to deliver press releases. According to the issue of the Daily Worker for March 25, 1945, Melish was on a committee to obtain financial aid for the paper. Melish testified under questioning about the Daily Worker that he regarded it as only another newspaper and that he knew practically nothing about it. In response to the question whether he knew as a fact that the Daily Worker is the official news organ of the Communist Party, Melish stated; "That is hearsay, I don't know that, sir, of my own knowledge." (Tr. 3165) On being asked whether he has any knowledge that the Party is connected with the paper, Melish stated; "I did not know at that time, no, sir." (Tr. 3190) The Melish claim of no knowledge concerning the Daily Worker is not credible.

"When asked on cross-examination whether he was ever a member of an organization known as the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders, Melish stated he did not remember and, further, that he had no recollection of being a member of the Resident Executive Committee of that organization. He also said he did not know whether it was an organization set up to defend twelve Communist leaders on trial in Manhattan. Later during his cross examination, Melish was shown a list of names on the back of which included Melish as a member. Melish then said his recollection was refreshed and he was a member of the committee; that he was aware at the time he became a member that the twelve defendants were high-ranking officers of the Communist Party who had been indicted for conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence.

"The foregoing illustrates a considerable number of instances during the cross-examination of Melish where he first claimed not to have specific recollection and made such statements as; "If you will confront me with some evidence, I will be glad to attest to it." (Tr. 3463) The recurrence of this manner of testifying left the undersigned with misgivings on the reliability of original denials. Further, there are other instances on record showing that Melish has cooperated knowingly with no compunction in affairs with Communists. This, of course does not establish Party membership but is another consideration consistent with the conclusion, now drawn, that his entire tenure with respondent in no way mitigates a finding of domination of respondent by the Communist Party.

"The testimony of Budenz showing Melish to be a member of the Communist Party in 1944 is credited. It is concluded that Melish, during this period of his tenure with respondent was a member of the Communist Party. The testimony of Melish due to the above findings and his manner of testifying, is not credited in the area pertaining to his connection with Communist Party Activities."

By 1956 less than seventy-five parishioners remained out of some 550 who belonged in 1948. Of this handful it was estimated that fifty were anti-Melish. Several hundred newcomers had joined the parish and a few hundred more could be depended on to pack pro-Melish meetings if the call went out. Melish lawyers refused to let newsmen see the church list. Nevertheless the names of a few did leak out. Among them Shirley Graham, wife of W. E. B. DuBois, veteran Communist and all-time heavyweight joiner of C.P. fronts. Also identified Communist Milton Kaufman, Waldo Salt—5th Amendment Hollywood Communist,—and several others.

Older members, who took communion, noted that very few of these newcomers ever attended communion but generally packed in during the "coffee break" between communion and 11 A.M. services. Parish meetings became typical Communist brawls so familiar to labor union meetings into which Commies infiltrated in the 30's. All the characteristic tactics associated with a Communist fraction from long dragged-out meetings to discourage the opposition to slippery parliamentary trickery were worked on the bewildered and frightened conservative members. Generally these conservative and old parish members would walk out in disgust never to return which was just what the Communists wanted in the first place. One meeting, for example, elected a new pro-Melish vestry by the astounding vote of 200 to 0. Not even Stalin or Hitler, in their palmiest days with secret police at every ballot box, were able to roll up such a smashing victory.

A priest sent by the Bishop to replace the younger Melish was knocked down by a Melish goon. Vestry doors were jimmied and locks changed so that Melish could enter the pulpit ahead of the replacement priest. Police squad cars and plain clothesmen became a familiar sight in front of Holy Trinity. Curiosity seekers from near and far came to gape at the "church taken over by Commies". Heartsick older parishioners transferred to other churches. This served to leave an ever-dwindling group of loyal Christians to face a rapidly growing Communist dominated faction.

Affairs touched an all time low in Episcopal Church history on January 15, 1956, when Holy Trinity worshippers were treated to the spectacle of two priests shouting each other down at the altar. News pictures the following day showed William Howard Melish leading in prayer at the altar while the Rev. Robert Thomas appointed by the bishop to the rectorship read another prayer from the pulpit.

The Rev. Thomas began to read Psalm 118 and Melish countered by asking for the responses to Psalm 28. Dr. Thomas thereupon turned to Melish and said, "Mr. Melish, you are out of order." This was probably quite unintentionally the understatement of the year—Melish had been very much "out of order" for at least fifteen years or since the time when he had secretly joined the atheistic Communist Party. Dr. Thomas left the service followed by some fifty older and loyal parishioners. The controversy went back to the courts once more.

In February Bishop DeWolfe named the Rev. Dr. Herman Sidener as rector of Holy Trinity. The post had been vacant for nearly seven years. Several other Episcopal priests who had been offered the rectorship declined with thanks. Flanked by all the high churchmen of the diocese, Bishop DeWolfe conducted the solemn service of institution of Dr. Sidener. He apparently reckoned without the Communist infinite capacity for sheer audacity and contumacy. He was rudely interrupted in the middle of the service by a pro-Melish vestryman who challenged the institution as "illegal."

He was immediately followed by the notorious Hubert T. Delaney, a former municipal judge whose long front record *News & Views* has already summarized in the Public Affairs Pamphlet report appearing in the March 1961 issue. By April the Melish faction was back in full jubilant control of the Church of the Holy Trinity. Another court decision had ruled in their favor. The Melishites immediately called a parish meeting and elected an entirely new vestry. The new vestry promptly installed William Howard Melish as the "legal" rector of the church.

The *Daily Worker* was overjoyed and gave more space to the "victory" than it did to any other class struggle news.

The *National Guardian* and other radical newsheets joined the chorus of jubilation. The World Peace Council in Vienna (Communist) awarded Melish a gold medal and \$14,000 cash as an "International Peace Prize." Melish affected to be "surprised and humbled." One anti-Communist commentator noted that it was supremely ironical that an instigator of endless dissension and hatred in his own church should be rewarded with an "International Peace Prize." Another one commented that he had never heard of an anti-Communist ever receiving as much as a \$100 prize for his efforts from either a wealthy individual or a conservative foundation with millions at its disposal.

COMMUNIST SALT INTO THE WOUNDS

Later that year when the Hungarians rose in their tragic but epic fight for freedom, Bishop DeWolfe and the Christians of his parish were subjected to additional galling barbs from Melish and his supporters. Ever since its founding the National Council of American Soviet Friendship had met in an annual meeting early in November to hail the Bolshevik revolution of Nov. 7, 1917. The 1956 meeting convened just as Soviet tanks and Mongolian machine-guns were drowning the Hungarian uprising in a sea of blood.

Melish addressed the quisling meeting in a straddling, equivocal speech which obviously stuck in his throat. He naturally could not avoid Hungary on whose tragic fate the interest and concern of the whole world was concentrated. Melish told the N.C.A.S.F.: "Multitudes of men and women had greeted the birth and watched the rise of the Soviet Union as the embodiment of such a rational and ethical concept of society." It was a great pity that such a genuine socialist society was now "sadly compromised." He deprecated the "open resort to armed coercion in Hungary" but he firmly rejected any apology whatsoever "for our years of working for American-Soviet friendship."

While the whole world was outraged over what was going on in Hungary, while thousands of Communists all over the world tore up their party cards, while students of all political shades demonstrated in front of Soviet embassies from Paris to Buenos Aires, and while Hungarian Communists themselves largely fought on the side of the freedom fighters in one of the most heroic struggles for human freedom in modern times, the "Rev." Melish "deprecated" what he euphemistically called "coercion." He urged his quisling audience "to take the long view and to continue to work for world peace"—presumably meaning world communism.

Bishop DeWolfe expressed "burning indignation" not so much over Melish's hypocrisy and what he said as over the fact that he had the consummate bad taste and audacity to appear at such a quisling gathering when Christians were being massacred in Hungary by the very Communists whom Melish supported and defended. Bishop DeWolfe added:

"This one supply priest has brought scandal and disgrace to this diocese and serious unrest among Christian people everywhere."

It should be noted in passing that the Rev. Richard Morford, a former Presbyterian pastor, and the notorious Harry F. Ward of Union Theological Seminary had also attended the N.C.A.S.F. meeting which Bishop DeWolfe aptly pointed out had been called "to celebrate the bloody founding, the bloody past, and the bloody present of the godless Soviet Union."

Melish, with typical Communists crust, promptly demanded that Bishop DeWolfe retract what he had said. The *Daily Worker*, always pinched for space, gave over a whole page to Melish's castigation of his bishop.

On June 24, 1956, the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court by a vote of 4 to 1 held that William Howard Melish had no legal right to the rectorship of Holy Trinity. Melish asked for a stay and filed notice of appeal. The N.Y. State Court of Appeals refused to stay the ouster. On July 8 Dr. Sidener re-assumed the rectorship after having been more or less barred from the church for sixteen months by militant Melishites.

The services themselves were without serious incident except for a note handed to Dr. Sidener by a pro-Melish vestryman stating he was not wanted in the church and to "go away in Christian humility." Later Dr. Sidener joined the congregation in the gymnasium for the customary coffee and lemonade "break." A lady asked for his address, he obligingly jotted on a piece of paper but before he could hand it to her a vigilant Melishite "suspecting treachery" snatched it from the astonished minister's hand. This led to words and a scuffle in which the rector was knocked to the floor.

This apparently exhausted the patience and forbearance of Bishop DeWolfe. At the July 21 services Dr. Sidener read an order from Bishop DeWolfe closing down the stately 110 year old church "until further notice." In his farewell sermon Dr. Sidener preached on Christian humility, compassion, and loyalty to vindicated authority." He also observed that it was impossible to make a good omelette out of rotten eggs. Mr. and Mrs. Melish sat in a front row of the congregation. Twelve detectives mingled in the congregation or stood about outdoors in event of any further violence. Church authorities in New York expressed the belief that this was the first time in history that a church in that city had been closed because of factional fighting.

Faithful to the Melishes to the bitter end, the *N.Y. Times* carried the item sympathetically to the Melish side. It delicately referred to the "alleged pro-Communist activities of William Howard Melish" as if they really had amounted to nothing. The *Daily Worker*, never particularly noted for its church news coverage, gave most of its front page to the story.

Closing of the church meant little to the pro-Melish faction, they continued to use the other buildings for their social functions and their customary "coffee break" between Communion and 11 A.M. services even when there were no longer any services. Five months after the formal closing of the church, the Melishites held a "bazaar" to raise funds for some special and undisclosed purpose.

On December 5, 1957, the New York Court of Appeals at Albany upheld the ouster of William H. Melish. All seven judges concurred in the finding of a lower court that Dr. Herman S. Sidener had been duly and legally chosen by a quorum of the vestry of Holy Trinity in 1956.

In May, 1958, Canon Charles MacLean of the Long Island Diocese announced that Dr. Edward Saunders, Archdeacon of Brooklyn and Rev. H. K. Cowan would hold services in the re-opened church. He promptly received a letter over the signature of Senior Warden Cameron Beadle, a Melish supporter stating:

"We consider you as an announced trespasser and we will resist your trespass with all means at our disposal."

Bishop DeWolfe called the letter "fantastic" but nevertheless called off the services because he did not want to "turn the church, the house of God, into a place of resistance and battle."

The next move was to secure a court order evicting the Melishes from the rectory. This led to another prolonged battle which ended by a three to two Appellate Court decision upholding the right of the elder Melish to continue to live in the rectory for the rest of his life as part of retirement agreement signed years before. The younger Melish, however, did not enjoy any similar right even as a "guest" as he had contended. He moved out just before the sheriff was empowered to evict him and his family.

Even the departure of the younger Melish did not cool off the militancy of the pro-Melish faction. Dr. Sidener's assistant rector, a Rev. Cowan, came to take physical possession of the church and its buildings. He found chains on all the doors and when he tried to have them hack-sawed through he was quickly beset by an angry pack of battling Melishites. The police intervened and both sides continued the argument at the police station.

The next day Dr. Cowan returned with a Supreme Court order turning the church and all of its property over to Dr. Sidener. A police captain accompanied him. They were denied entry through a barred door by one Alexander Munsell who ridiculed the court order as being **"no good because it ain't signed by the proper judge."** The police captain suggested that Dr. Cowan break down the door but the young Episcopalian priest turned down the suggestion that force and violence be used to gain legal entry to the church.

Munsell claimed to be the treasurer of a Melish Defense fund. Two years before he had appeared before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee where he invoked the Fifth Amendment as to C.P. membership. He refused to deny or affirm that he was the same Alexander Munsell who had been a Communist candidate for the Baltimore City Council in 1939.

Precisely at 9 A.M. June 10, 1959, the Rev. Herman Sidener arrived at the Church of the Holy Trinity. He was accompanied by the Archdeacon of the Diocese and a squad of ten policemen. Armed with a court order they took possession of the church ending years of bitterest controversy and unheard of violence and chicanery in a church. A locksmith once more changed all the locks and the church was "closed for the time being" on the order of Bishop DeWolfe.

On December 28 that same year the Melish faction suffered the bitterest blow of all, a court decision handed over possession of some \$400,000 of the church in cash and securities to Rector Sidener, as belonging to the diocese and not to the rump remnants of a congregation long scattered and gone.

The younger Melish was last reported as working for the Southern Conference Educational Fund of New Orleans, a Communist front according to the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee.

The Church League of America has gone to considerable trouble and expense to gather together the tragic story of the Communist murder of a fine old church. The dark and silent edifice in Brooklyn should stand as a stern warning to all true Christians to guard their own churches against a like fate.

We need to heed the warning of the Holy Scriptures which tell us:

"Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

(St. Matthew 7:15)

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What Is Wrong

With The Federal Council of Churches ?

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Introduction:

1. It has been suggested that we could save ourselves a lot of time if we would reverse our theme, and consider instead, "What is right about the Federal Council of Churches?" This is very true; but nevertheless, we owe it to the public to let it be known why an ever-increasing throng of sincere Christians are severing their connections with the Federal Council, and also why many acquainted with the political trends of the day are condemning the Federal Council because of its subversive activities and near-communism. It is because of these activities that there has been talk of the F. B. I. and the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives making an investigation of the Federal Council. No doubt both agencies have quite a file on the subject. We hope that such an investigation will be made, for the public is woefully ignorant and even disinclined, when informed, to believe that the leaders of the great Protestant denominations could be so guilty. Just recently at a dinner attended by some of the nation's most outstanding men in their respective fields, at which meeting the Federal Council was exposed by a representative of the American Council, one of the leading newspaper men in the country rose to his feet following that exposé and addressing those present said, "Gentlemen, we are being sold down the river." He meant this was being done by their religious leaders in the Federal Council. This had not dawned upon these men until this exposé was made. The reprehensible thing is that Federal Council denominations are constantly soliciting funds from such wealthy members and using them to finance their modernistic and communistic activities.

2. It is because there is so much wrong with the Federal Council that we cannot and dare not, if we would be true to the Lord and His cause, be a member. Very serious charges have repeatedly been made against the Federal Council by individuals and agencies of unquestionable integrity. We mention their integrity because it is the policy of the Federal Council and their Communist allies to conduct a smear campaign against anyone of any consequence who has exposed its nefarious doings. This was done in their pamphlet, "Forces Disrupting the Churches."

John Roy Carlson, the smear terrorist, calumniator, friend and defender of near-communist organizations such as the Federal Council of Churches, does likewise in his books "Under Cover" and "The

Plotters." Carlson (whose right name is Derounian) was exposed by Westbrook Pegler as a man hiding behind "a dozen aliases." U. S. District Court Judge, John P. Barnes, as reported in the press, declared Carlson to be "a wholly irresponsible person who would write anything for a dollar." This is the man who is circulating untrue stories that members of the American Council of Christian Churches, the relentless foes of the apostate, pacifistic, and near-communist Federal Council, are anti-Semites.

3. So many serious charges have been made and substantiated against the Federal Council that one hardly knows where to begin in such a discussion as this. One thing is certain, and that is that it is not possible, limited as we are by time, to name them all. We shall mention but two charges, either of which however is of sufficient significance to convince any open-minded investigator that the Federal Council is a menace, both to the true Christian church and to the nation.

I

FIRST OF ALL, WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE FEDERAL COUNCIL IS DEFINITELY ANTI-AMERICAN.

We use the term "American" in preference to the term "democracy," because "democracy" is one of the words the enemies of our government have captured and used to advance their own ends. Totalitarian Russia, for instance, which is constantly held up for emulation by certain outstanding leaders in the Federal Council, claims to be a democracy, and thereby misleads many. Actually, Russia is not communistic, let alone democratic. We heard a converted Communist speak some time ago—a man who left America some years back to go to Russia, since he then imagined that there he would find a superior type of government and environment to what he enjoyed here. Instead, he found that in Russia they had the worst kind of dictatorship. He was very glad to get back to America. Much the same thing is related in W. L. White's "Report on the Russians." He tells how the common people enjoy no real liberty, work when and where and for what wages the state dictates, and this without the privilege of striking. The ruling class lives most luxuriously, wining and dining on the choicest food and drink money can buy, while the common people subsist on a fare that is not on a par with our prison diet; nor dare they complain about it either! As Lady Astor recommended in a speech here several years ago, the Reds ought to go to Russia. She said, they would find out that in capitalistic America "there is more freedom and higher living standards . . . than in any nation in the history of the world."

When we say that the Federal Council is anti-American, we mean to infer that many of its leaders are opposed to our American form of government and our free economy, and, more serious yet, that they

have engaged in subversive activities which jeopardize our nation's very life.

We say this for two reasons:

1. First, the Federal Council has been pacifistic in the very worst sense of the term. There are some pacifists we respect, namely, the Mennonites and Brethren. We say this even though we do not see eye to eye with them. No matter how much they oppose war and the Christian's participation, they never resort to subversive activity or seek the overthrow of the nation. Then too, there are the Quakers. They won't fight, but they will drive ambulances and take care of the wounded. In spite of their pacifism, I have never heard them charged with being cowardly or involved in treason.

The Federal Council, to the contrary, opposes war, defensive and offensive, and all attempts on the part of America to arm properly. For many years prior to World War II, it did all it possibly could do, which was plenty, to prevent our nation from preparing for the war every informed person knew was coming. Other nations were madly preparing for that war, in particular Russia, Japan, and Germany. One thing is most significant. Even though the Federal Council constantly objected to America preparing even on a small scale, she, to our knowledge, registered no objections to the vast preparations Russia was making. We remember that at the time, this matter was brought out in the press.

When the Japs launched their despicable Pearl Harbor sneak attack, we were only 15% prepared according to the statements made by Gen. Geo. C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, and the then Senator Harry S. Truman. These statements, many will recall, were quoted by Mr. Dewey, the Republican candidate for President. Mr. Dewey put all the blame for this disgraceful situation on President Roosevelt and his administration.

No doubt the Roosevelt Administration was guilty, but not wholly so. The awful responsibility must be shared by the Federal Council, for it was the Federal Council which everlastingly put pressure upon the Roosevelt Administration not to prepare; and don't forget the Federal Council, at the time, claimed to represent 22,000,000 people and was perhaps the largest pressure group in the country.

To be more specific, to what measures did the Federal Council resort in order to hamstring the nation's attempts at preparedness?

They first of all carried on an incessant lobbying campaign in Washington. This was highly successful to their way of thinking, but well nigh disastrous to the nation. It brought death to many thousands of our boys who were not properly equipped or trained. How successful it was is seen in the following quotations and information taken from a review of the critical and historical study of the acts of the Federal Council by Dr. John A. Hutchison, an approved Federal

Council historian. The review was made by Dr. Roy E. Grace of the United Presbyterian Church and one of their delegated representatives to the Federal Council.

Dr. Hutchison reveals that "disarmament was the pet theme of the 1920's. (p. 204.) In 1928 the Federal Council protested against the naval program, and the pressure of several groups was so great that **instead of building 71 new warships, we built only 17.** (p. 204.) In 1933, it again protested the use of WPA funds for naval buildings. In 1934 it requested the President to withhold appropriations for naval expansion. Again in 1935, **it protested military expenditures** and tried to lead a church crusade against the government policies of rearmament. (p. 207.) **It opposed the drafting of men for military service** and was so blind to the evident signs that in 1938 it again protested military expenditures, because it was "unwarranted by any evidence," they said, "thus far presented—." (p. 207.) Since that time we have had the evidence, but it was too late to go back. Mr. Hutchison had this criticism to make of the Council's efforts—"It failed utterly to understand the dictators, and that, practically speaking, such a policy added up to appeasement." (p. 213.)

Our military leaders were aware of the Federal Council's activities. The United States Navy, through its Intelligence Department which is the Secret Service of the Navy, declared (and this declaration is part of the Congressional Record, Vol. 79, part 12, p. 13503), "The Federal Council of Christ in America: **This is a large, radical, pacifist organization. It probably represents 20,000,000 Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matter against National Defense.**"

The second manner in which the Federal Council carried on its pacifistic program was by encouraging objectors, many of whom do not merit being called conscientious. This was done in three ways. (1) First, as Dr. Hutchison their historian points out, they "**advocated peace strikes of workers.**" (p. 123.) Laboring men were encouraged to strike, rather than defend their country. They were instructed not to support the nation financially during a war nor to engage in the manufacture of arms. Such treasonable conduct characterized many workers and others influenced by Moscow and communistic teaching, who insisted that World War II was an imperialistic war brought on by capitalistic nations. Everything possible was done to slow up production in plants manufacturing arms for the Allies and also for the United States. But as soon as Russia was attacked, all the Reds, pinks, and fellow-travellers became very patriotic and began to clamor for arms and assistance for Russia. Speaking of imperialism, Russia, of all the allies, has been the worst offender. World conquest is her aim. She has already taken over most of Europe, a large part of Asia, and is demanding territory in North Africa and the Mediterranean. Before Stalin and Hitler fell out over the division of spoils Russia was Hitler's ally.

(2) Secondly, Federal Council leaders working through various agencies and, in particular, the Methodist Church, **persuaded large numbers of students** to declare that they never would take part in any war, including wars of defense, and that they would give no assistance whatever to support any war effort. Conscientious objectors from the Mennonite, Brethren, and other such groups, while they would not fight, did not object to working on farms and, to our knowledge, rendered in this manner a real service to the nation. But some of these Federal Council objectors wouldn't even help produce food to feed the nation during the war. They did not, however, hesitate to eat their share of what others raised. According to the press, they spent their days lolling around the special camps provided for them, reading communistic, modernistic, and other radical literature, and debating the themes discussed therein. These Federal Council stooges not only brought reproach upon themselves, but upon sincere souls who were true conscientious objectors, and unfortunate enough often to have to share the same camp.

(3) Thirdly, **in its official documents**, the Federal Council has invariably been pacifistic. To our knowledge, the Federal Council never went on record endorsing the war effort of World War II. The various fundamentalist groups, to the contrary, and the American Council of Christian Churches in particular, gave their unqualified support to the nation in its righteous undertaking of putting an end to Nazi, Fascist, and Japanese aggression. **The Federal Council condemned our nation for bombing Germany's cities** and for using the Atomic Bomb on the Japanese. It was estimated by military authorities that if we had not used the Atomic Bomb, not only would the war have been prolonged, but at least a million of our brave lads would have fallen invading Japan. Although we deplore the necessity of taking life, we feel that the use of the Atomic Bomb was justifiable, especially in dealing with a criminal nation like Japan, guilty as she was of ruthless aggression and indescribable atrocities. **As of this writing, the Federal Council is advocating that "the churches call upon the Government of the United States to affirm publicly, with suitable guarantees, that it will under no circumstances be the first to use Atomic weapons in any possible future war."** Such a policy, if adopted, would be suicidal and would put us at the mercy of aggressor nations, some of which — Russia, for instance — would have no compunctions whatever about using the bomb on us. It is now known that one night's bombing, properly spaced and timed, could wipe out all the large cities of America. If we should wait until that happened before we acted, it would be too late.

Even at this date (1948), with Communist Russia running amuck in Europe and constantly threatening our national security, the Federal Council continues its policy of opposing military preparedness; in the most recent instance, Universal Military Training. The Federal Council would keep America defenseless and helpless in the face of our communist foes, and seeks to stop every effort that is being made to prepare our nation for the final show-down with Communist Russia. Not

one word of censure of the Russian aggressor is ever heard coming from the Federal Council, but Federal Council leaders have often sung Russia's praises. Often the Federal Council has intimated that America is in the wrong, has advocated that America become more tolerant of our open and declared enemy and, what is more, recommended on occasion that we give in to Russia's demands. In its social program the Federal Council has only too often followed the Red party line. No wonder Stephen Nenoff, in his "Two Worlds," declares, on p. 152, **"Stalin and Marxism have no better friends in America than the Federal Council of Churches."**

Summary: In the light of all that we have been saying, we have a very serious charge to make against the Federal Council of Churches.

(1) **We must charge the leaders of the Federal Council**, along with others, with being **co-responsible** for the unnecessary slaughter of thousands of our men and the unnecessary prolongation of the war, caused by the nation's lack of preparedness — and this because they succeeded in well nigh hamstringing all preparedness measures. It is our belief that, **if we had been properly prepared**, the totalitarian powers never would have launched the war. They struck when they did because they knew Britain and America were not prepared. Because the Federal Council was so successful in hamstringing the preparedness program, we maintain that **it should be brought to trial**. Also, we believe it was the height of folly to permit representatives of that Council to be present at the U. N. San Francisco peace conference. **We also think that it is about time for all wide-awake Protestants** who are yet in denominations affiliated with the Federal Council to repudiate such blind leaders.

2. Our second main reason for saying that the Federal Council is anti-American is:

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL, THROUGH ITS LEADERS, HAS CHAMPIONED A "NEAR COMMUNISM"

Rev. Carl McIntire in his splendid book, "The Twentieth Century Reformation," has called it a "near communism." We are inclined to believe, however, that in many instances this is an understatement.

The pro-communistic activities of the leaders of the Federal Council are only too well known and have been made the special object for investigation by certain well known organizations and also by many outstanding individuals. **The United States Naval Intelligence Department** has already been referred to. The **Dies Committee** gathered evidence concerning the Federal Council's activities. The **F. B. I.** and the **Un-American Activities Committee** of the House likewise are not unaware of these activities; and there is, as we said, a possibility, if political pressure is not brought to bear, of an investigation from this source.

The movie industry was recently investigated because of the Red menace coming from that source. There is even more reason for investigating the Federal Council and its leaders. The Red menace coming from within that Council is more dangerous than that coming from Hollywood, since it hides behind a religious cloak and the unsuspecting poorly indoctrinated churchgoer is therefore most apt to accept the near-communistic teachings of his church leaders as gospel truth. This is true right now of "pro-communist" Sunday School literature used in the Methodist Church and pro-communist books purchased out of the missionary funds of that church and circulated among its members. The Nashville Banner, as reported in the Christian Beacon of March 28, 1948, quotes from just such Sunday School literature as follows:

"Russia and communism in general strive for some of the same goals that Christianity does, but by taking an entirely different road. Can we prove without rancor and bigotry that the two roads do not reach the same goal, and that they have the wrong map?"

The Banner concluded its comments with these appropriate words:

"The government is trying to weed out Communist fifth columnists who have sneaked into its services. The better labor unions are doing the same. It is high time the churches looked about and did a little house-cleaning of this kind."

That so many Government agencies have investigated the Federal Council, or contemplate doing so, is strong intimation that something is wrong. **The American Women Against Communism** did the nation a great service in publishing a chart showing the communistic and like affiliations of sixty of the then most outstanding leaders of the Federal Council. They show in this chart that these leaders belong to sixteen of the most dangerous Communist and Communist-aiding organizations in the country. We mention a few, and in so doing quote quite extensively.

The Socialist Party

The only difference between Socialism and Communism is in methods. They both believe in world revolution and are working to that end. The Socialists maintain that it can be brought about largely through education and legislation, while the Communists contend that force must be used.

Twenty-four of the leaders mentioned in this chart belonged to the Socialist Party.

Fellowship of Reconciliation

This is described as a "radical-pacifistic group using Christian terms to spread communistic propaganda."

Twenty-eight Federal Council big-wigs are listed as being identified with this front.

League for Industrial Democracy

"Militant Socialist; for 35 years headed by Robert Morss Lovett, who has been active in communistic organizations —." "It joined forces with the Communist Party and set up the American Student Union —." Its field secretary is reported as declaring, "I am sometimes ashamed that I am an American. Yes, I am Red —. We must honestly try to abolish the superstition of patriotism."

Thirteen Federal Council leaders were tied up with this subversive agency.

Anti-Dies Committee Block

"A united front of Communists, Socialists, radical clergymen and educators" organized to assail and smear the Dies Committee because it had been exposing the activities of various radicals and subversive organizations, such as the ones mentioned above.

Thirteen Federal Council leaders were connected with this "Block" and lent their aid to the effort being made to prevent and discredit the work of this important government committee.

North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy

Here is an instance where Communists and their fellow travellers use the term democracy to mislead. This committee was organized to spread propaganda and raise money for the Communist forces in Spain. Bishop Francis J. McConnell was chairman of the committee, which, according to records of the State Department, raised millions of dollars for Spain's Reds and their activities.

National Religion and Labor Foundation

"Set up by radicals, in 1932, to propagandize 'the new social order,'" **to give active cooperation to strikers, at the same time seeking the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system.** Its directing personnel and National Committee is composed almost exclusively of Socialists and Communists.

Twenty-four leaders and others prominent in the Federal Council were affiliated with this revolutionary movement.

We might go on and mention ten other subversive agencies mentioned in this chart, but time will not permit. Many of the presidents of the Federal Council have belonged to these organizations, including the recent president, Bishop Oxnam. **Bishop Francis J. McConnell**, president (1928-32), is listed as being affiliated with thirteen such organizations. **Rev. Albert W. Beaven** (1933) was a member of the National Religion and Labor Foundation. **Dr. Ivan Lee Holt** (1936) defended the Soviet Union, was an Emergency Peace Campaign sponsor, and aided in the raising of money for Communists in Spain. **Rev. Edgar Dewitt Jones** (1937) was affiliated with the American League for Peace and Democracy, organized by Moscow, and no less a person than Earl Browder admitted that it was a transmission belt for Communist propaganda. **Dr. George A. Buttrick**, (Federal Council president, 1938-40), was

affiliated with the Fellowship of Reconciliation which is described as a "radical-pacifist group using Christian terms to spread Communist propaganda." He was also an Emergency Peace Campaign signer and aided in the raising of money for Communist forces in Spain. **Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam**, (Federal Council president, 1944-46), is represented as belonging to the Methodist Federation for Social Service, an organization seeking the abolition of "the profit system." Bishop McConnell was president of this Federation at the time the chart was printed. Bishop Oxnam also is identified with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, War Resisters' League, National Religion and Labor Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union, and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

These connections and activities of Federal Council presidents show what happens when men reject, as they have, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having repudiated the Truth, they accept the lie of communism and help propagate it.

There is considerable irony in this deplorable situation. Well intentioned people of means have been solicited for funds to finance the activities of these Federal Council leaders, never suspecting that they were being betrayed. They had no way of knowing that these trusted servants would use this money to finance an attempted overthrow of the capitalist system, with its free enterprise and accompanying rights and blessings, not enjoyed to like degree by any other nation on this earth.

Then too, the rank and file of members in the various denominations comprising the Federal Council do not know that a portion of their church contributions is turned over to that Council and used to help finance its leaders in their dastardly attempt to overthrow the American Way of Life, our free economy, and ultimately of course our form of government.

Once aware of what is taking place, and how their money is being used, all these contributors must withhold their support; otherwise, they are knowingly aiding and abetting the leaders of the Federal Council in their treasonable acts against church and state. If they continue to support them with their contributions, God most certainly will hold them accountable. So also will every right-thinking person in the nation.

The Federal Council has denied that it is a pacifist or Communist-aiding organization, but in view of the facts, their denials can only be interpreted as an attempt to cover up and deceive the public. In these days when pro-communists and pacifists are being so generally denounced and are in disrepute we can understand why so many would be running for cover, and even repudiate their past affiliations. When the press of the nation exposed the communistic leanings of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, Bishop Oxnam, a member, was forced to do this very thing. But please do not suppose this is a case of a leopard changing its spots. Bishop Oxnam's position hasn't changed. It is an established fact that the leaders of the Council have been notorious for their communistic, pacifistic and subversive activities, and that the Council has "meddled incessantly in political affairs,

invariably sponsoring the ideals of radical groups," as the Dies Committee proved. In doing so, they had the approval of President Roosevelt, because their aims were quite identical with those of the New Deal — the bringing to pass of a Collectivist State, sometimes called State Socialism. What is more, President Roosevelt protected the Federal Council in its activities and, when made acquainted with the report of the Intelligence Department of the Navy, issued orders that the Army and Navy and official Washington were to make no further revelations concerning the subversive activities of the Federal Council.

But the truth has come out in spite of this muzzling. The church and the nation today are more aware than ever that the Federal Council is a menace to our form of government, our way of life, and as such should be shunned by every true American. Many thousands, because of these things, have broken with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and have come into the American Council because it is opposed to all foreign ideologies as far as this nation is concerned and is contending for the faith, which was once and for all time delivered unto the saints. As a result, the Federal Council is becoming alarmed. It is being forced to recognize its antagonists, in particular, the American Council, and to attempt some sort of a defense.

II

Our Second Main Contention Is:

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IS DEFINITELY ANTI-CHRISTIAN, SEEKING THROUGH ITS LEADERS, PUBLICATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES TO UNDERMINE THE TRUE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THE WORD OF GOD UPON WHICH IT IS FOUNDED. THE FEDERAL COUNCIL IS AIDING AND ABETTING THE FORCES OF ANTI-CHRIST.

Our reasons for making such a grave charge are as follows:

1. **First, the literature dealing with doctrinal matters which the Council has commended and helped circulate, has in the main sponsored the anti-Christian creed of modernism.** For the benefit of any who are not informed, by modernism we mean the present-day denials of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, such as the Divine inspiration of the Bible, the Deity and Virgin birth of Christ, His vicarious suffering, etc.

One reason why more people have not been aware of this fact is, these modernistic writers have often used Christian terms to disguise their apostate teachings. They use most Christian terminology, but only too often with a meaning not found in the Bible. For instance, they speak of the inspiration of the Scriptures, but they do not mean that all the Bible is inspired and that in its original manuscripts it is inerrant. They mean that its inspiration is about on a par with Shakespeare. Again, Christ is referred to as the Son of God, but again they deceive

many, for they do not mean by such a designation that He alone is by nature the Eternal Son of God, the equal of God the Father. To these modernists He is no more the Son of God than we are.

The terrible thing is that this deception has been deliberately planned and as such is most despicable. Attention is called to this deception by John A. Hutchison in his critical and historical study of the Council.

This brings to mind a disgraceful thing we witnessed some time ago. A friend we were visiting took to task a seminary student who had called because this student indicated in his remarks that he didn't believe anything. Our friend said to him in substance, "If you don't believe anything, what do you preach in the pulpit?" The student replied to this effect: "Our seminary instructs us when in the pulpit, for the sake of the old folks present who might be disturbed, to pretend to believe in Christian doctrine, but afterwards to take the young folk aside and tell them not to believe any of it."

Do you wonder that my friend's face turned white and his body shook with righteous indignation in the face of such brazenly admitted deceit? We question whether the betrayal of Judas was any worse than this. If the church has gone into apostasy, has lost its power and authority, and is being despised, it isn't to be wondered at when thousands of such rogues occupy modernistic pulpits the world over.

2. Second: Many of the Federal Council's leaders, and in particular many in high positions, have been notorious unbelievers, and open deniers of the faith, brazenly heralding their undisguised unbelief to the whole world. They have gloried in their unbelief, rejoiced in apostasy.

Rev. Carl McIntire, devotes an entire chapter; namely, Chapter 4 in his book "The Twentieth Century Reformation" to this point. We would recommend that all who wish a more comprehensive study of this point procure this book which every Bible-believer should own.

We proceed now to mention some of the Federal Council's leaders and to state their particular unbelief and denial of the faith:

Bishop Francis J. McConnell: Methodist, and a past president of the Federal Council (1928-32). In his writings he denies that the Bible is an "infallible standard." He brands as "heathen" all who deify Christ, and, as a self-styled intellectual, he scoffs at God's plan of salvation through the shed blood of Christ, which he says on his part "arouses only amused pity."

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick: Baptist. One of the nation's most notorious pacifists and unbelievers. He has well been labeled "the high priest of modernism." Because of his writings and utterances, Dr. Fosdick has been accused of denying at one time or another, every single fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith, in particular the deity of our Lord, His virgin birth, His literal resurrection, the Trinity, and "the miracle narratives of Scripture." Yet, an unbeliever like Dr. Fosdick was

selected to be the chief radio spokesman of the Federal Council. In view of this fact, we cannot accept the Federal Council's claims that it is truly evangelical and representative of all Protestantism.

Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin: Presbyterian U.S.A. For years, Dr. Coffin was president of what is perhaps the most radical and modernist seminary in the land, namely, Union Seminary of New York City. In 1943 he was moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, showing how great are the inroads modernism and unbelief have made in that body.

It is a well known fact that Dr. Coffin does not believe that the Bible is the inerrant inspired Word of God, that he does not believe in the virgin birth of our Lord, nor His blood atonement on the cross.

His seminary is notorious for its radicalism and communist sympathies. Students have been encouraged to take an active interest in strikes and some have even gone out on picket lines. Some time ago they brought in Earl Browder while he was yet Secretary of the Communist Party to address the student body.

Dr. Geo. A. Buttrick: Presbyterian U.S.A. A former president of the Federal Council (1938-40).

Dr. Buttrick wrote a book with the most deceiving title, "The Christian Fact and Modern Doubt." It has no Christian facts to present, being mainly concerned with doubt. Most brazenly does he deny the infallibility of the Scriptures, human depravity and guilt, and future judgment of sin. If we believe him, the Christian faith is a "grand perhaps." Perhaps there is a heaven, perhaps Christ arose from the dead, perhaps there is life after death, but who knows, who cares, "we don't want to know" is the flippant, blasphemous way he handles such sacred themes.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam: Methodist, and recent president of the Federal Council (1944-46). Bishop Oxnam is better known because of his pacifistic and radical activities and connections. He is known in some circles as the "Red Bishop." However, he recently shocked the Christian public by insinuating that God would be a "dirty bully" should He punish sin. Any man who makes a statement like that doesn't have to tell us what he believes concerning the death of Christ on the cross for the sins of men, future retribution, or the only way of salvation.

Mr. Charles P. Taft (1946-48), the present president, made known his modernistic unbelief in his installation address, as reported in the VOICE (I. F. C. A.) Nov. 1947, in making the following statement:—"The personal depravity of each man, conversion of the kind that is fixed at an identifiable moment, the vicarious atonement of Jesus, and the justification that comes completely dissociated from anything else the sinner does . . . and belief in the verbal inspiration of the Bible . . . these views can be found now in the new churches at which we are accustomed to look a little down our noses." Mr. Taft doesn't have to say any more. We know exactly where he stands in regard to the

fundamental tenets of Christianity. He doesn't stand. He isn't aware that one can only become a Christian by believing in "the vicarious sufferings of Jesus."

Judging by what we saw and heard at the conference which Mr. Taft called in Pittsburgh, Feb. 18-20, 1947, known as "The National Study Conference of the Church and Economic Life," his main interests are in the social sphere, where he is trying to bring to pass an impossible thing: the union of Christianity, pro-communists, and those who believe in our free economy. No few were present who are known for their decided red tint. They often predominated in the discussion periods to the discomfiture of the few industrialists and businessmen whom they somehow inveigled into attending the meeting. They were shamelessly betrayed and sold down the river by these Federal Council enemies of our free enterprise system. It was pathetic.

If time would permit, we might go on and designate many more Federal Council leaders who are just as much confirmed in their unbelief as the ones mentioned. In the light of what we have declared concerning these men, we are at a loss to explain a statement of a former president of the Council, Bishop Tucker, Episcopalian, wherein he said, "I do not know of one man among the Federal Council officials who does not believe in the virgin birth and the resurrection of Jesus——." Either Bishop Tucker is deliberately trying to deceive and cover up, or he didn't know his own constituency. Perhaps they had succeeded in deceiving him. If he really wants to know where these men stand, he can easily find out by reading the books these deniers of the faith have written.

3. Third: Some of the Federal Council's sex literature, put out under their own imprimatur, has been of a depraved nature, clearly contrary to the moral code of the Bible, and as such certain to do untold harm to the Protestant youth of America.

Some of this literature is so depraved that we would not dare to read from it before a mixed audience of decent people. If we did, most of them would be apt to walk out on us, men included.

This literature has been condemned by the Sunday School Times because of its "vile suggestiveness." Its authors are being charged by others as well, with being guilty of a calculated attempt to destroy Christian standards of decency by encouraging free love.

This is quite a serious charge to make against those who claim the right to guide the Protestant youth of the nation. When such religious monitors encourage sexual sin we shrink from contemplating the results in blasted lives, in disease, in illegitimacy, as well as in the irreparable loss of precious souls. No wonder we are having a crime wave among the youth of the nation and that the worst offenses are sex sins.

4. Fourth: The Federal Council neglects the true mission of the church. Perhaps not wholly so, for it does boast of a Department on Evangelism.

We do not claim to know everything, but we do not know of a single Federal Council evangelistic effort, recently put forth in the name of the Council which clearly declared that salvation was by faith in the shed blood of Christ. "The Brethren Fundamentalist" in a recent issue confirms our observations.

The Federal Council is not putting its emphasis on the true Gospel, the Gospel of the shed blood of Christ, but the "social gospel" of Karl Marx, Lenin, and Stalin. Instead of saving souls, they are trying to bring in a new world order of the Communist variety.

We received an example of exactly what they are doing this week, namely, a pamphlet entitled, "The Church Joins Labor in the Steel Wage Fight," written by Rev. James Chubb, Associate Secretary of the National Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church. The pamphlet was a condensation of a special broadcast he had delivered over the American Broadcasting Company Network, January 28, 1946. Rev. Chubb put his endorsement upon the steel strike, and in doing so revealed a lot of ignorance and unfairness in his one-sided brochure. He minimized the wrongs of labor, depicted the pickets as heroes, and made it appear that they were wholly in the right, and management, made up of a "fortunate few," all wrong. He spoke of "full employment," which Communists are making much of these days and which can be had only under a totalitarian government where the worker is the slave of the state. Of course, he played up the "brotherhood" gag, which even the Communists are using today, and which has been very much overdone by Federal Council propagandists. All in all, it was pretty good "Party Line" stuff, but shorn of the usual rough language. It was so much like the usual party line that one of his critics, an industrialist, a member of his own denomination, frankly stated that he was of the opinion that a professional propagandist had prepared it, and that all Mr. Chubb had done was to affix his signature to this somewhat inflammatory tract.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones is the Federal Council's most outstanding advocate of the social gospel, which he erroneously calls the "Kingdom of God." Does he do this deliberately to deceive and to give the movement apparent Biblical sanction and respectability? We must brand it for what it really is — an un-Scriptural movement, a "near communism," and a definite departure from the Great Commission given to the church as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20.

5. Fifth: The Federal Council's proposals for world peace disregard the teachings of the Bible on the subject and in particular the second coming of Christ to judge living nations, to make right the things that are wrong here on earth, and to set up His kingdom of universal righteousness, peace, and prosperity.

We are not in the habit of attending sessions of the Federal Council. However, when it met in Pittsburgh in 1944, we did so. We were particu-

larly interested in hearing what they had to say on the subject of world peace.

Hon. John Foster Dulles presided. We had read an article concerning him in the *Saturday Evening Post* just a short time before this meeting. In it, the writer stated that Mr. Dulles claimed as one of his greatest accomplishments the ability to judge good wines. To our puritanical mind, this accomplishment did not seem to be quite the right qualification for one presiding at a peace conference conducted by the Protestant denominations. With the recollection of this article in mind, we didn't expect too much from the discussion of "A Just and Durable Peace," and we were not mistaken.

Believe it or not, not one word of Scripture was read or referred to. No allusion, direct or indirect, was made to the second coming of Christ and to the fact that He alone would bring peace. This being true, there was no reference whatever to His kingdom reign and the glories that would accompany it: universal righteousness, universal peace, universal prosperity. And yet, these were the very things the Federal Council claimed to be striving for. The spokesman indicated that they were pinning most of their hope on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, which involved a world police force. Although they did not actually say so, we couldn't help but gather the idea that the Federal Council coveted the job of superintendent of police. We concluded then and there that, if they ever were granted that assignment, it would be a sad day for the Fundamentalists; for they, no doubt, would be the first ones cooped up for disturbing the peace—not of the world, but of the minds of Federal Council apostates. In referring to World War II, they took exception to the claim that the Allies were more righteous than the Axis powers; in fact, their remarks along this line would surely have been loudly applauded by Hitler and Mussolini if they had been present.

Now, just how are we to describe this disregard of God's plan, God's Word, and God's Son, the Prince of Peace? Was it a case of **colossal conceit, woeful ignorance, or extreme perversity**? Whatever it was, it was a disgrace coming as it did from religious leaders pretending to represent all Protestantism. Equally deplorable was the fact that two hundred or so (this is our guess) delegates sat there and took it. Only one delegate, one known to us, and one who, because he claims to be a Fundamentalist, should have refused to be a delegate, stamped out. As he passed us, sitting as we were near the door, he stooped down and remarked, "I wonder if those fellows ever heard about the second coming of Christ?"

The Federal Council's two advisers at the U. N. Conference in San Francisco acted in keeping with what transpired at Pittsburgh and handed in suggestions which, if adopted, would have benefitted the

Axis powers and robbed the victorious Allies of all they had accomplished. According to reports, the Federal Council's advisers advocated that the defeated Axis powers be permitted to arm on an equality with the victorious Allies. They advocated that the peoples of the world be free to travel in any numbers and settle where they willed at any time, without any restrictions. They wanted America to put all her wealth in a world bank, which would ruin us, but advantage the pauper nations. They wanted an international Police Force. They had such idiotic ideas as this to suggest, but not one word of testimony concerning God's plan of peace for the world, as involved in the second coming of Christ. As Christian witnesses, they were utter failures.

6. Sixth: The Federal Council is paving the way for the apostate ecclesiastical Babylon of the last days, predicted in the Word of God.

Another of the Federal Council's objectives is a world church. Before this can be brought about, many barriers which separate various so-called Christian groups must be torn down, or, as is now happening, the groups must be sold on the idea of compromise—a willingness to come together whether they agree or not.

Their chief agitator for this "world church" is Dr. E. Stanley Jones, with Bishop Oxnam running him a close second. Both are Methodists. Both are very Red. Unless we miss our guess, neither has anything to lose or give up if such a union takes place. Dr. Jones has, we are told, already laid the ground work for this thing in his communistic effort in India, a land from which he is now barred. We heard a missionary relate that in India, when Dr. Jones observed the Lord's supper, it was his practice at times to invite Hindus, Brahmins, and other pagans to participate. Could anything be more sacrilegious? By so doing he reveals his real aim, not merely the union of all Christian groups but the union of all religions which claim to believe in a God.

Others have been laying the ground work in this country. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, another Methodist, makes evident the purpose of the Federal Council in the following statement: "The Protestant churches must first unite. Then a Catholic Protestant Church could meet the Greek Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church and work out a plan for a World Christian Church. That ought to come some day, and we have conferences and groups at work on plans——." Bishop Bromley Oxnam has criticized the Roman Catholic Church, praised the Pope, and advocated union all in the same message.

Now, we would like to see all true believers united, but this isn't what they are proposing. This is something like that disgraceful affair we mentioned a few minutes ago where believers and unbelievers sat down at the Lord's table. Imagine, if you can, the compromise and

sacrifice that is going to be demanded of various Protestant denominations, holding in creed if not in practice to the historic Christian faith, before they will be able to merge with Unitarians, Russellites, Adventists, Spiritualists, Christian Scientists, Greek and Roman Catholics? Personally, we can't imagine the Roman Catholic Church doing such a thing. They will approve union if the others all come into the Roman Church, but not otherwise. But suppose such a union did take place. Imagine once again, if this does not overtax your already over-burdened imagination, the confusion, lack of cohesion, and so-called "unity" that would exist in this nauseating ecclesiastical melting pot. Of one thing we are quite certain, and that is that the process would distil out every last vestige of true evangelical Christianity. Modernistic unbelief, dead formalism, and paganism would eventually triumph. The next step in the process would be the worship of the "BEAST," "The Man of Sin" who would most certainly become the unifying force in this apostate ecclesiastical system, leading his devotees into the awful throes and horrible judgments of the Great Tribulation. The Federal Council of Churches, by its present policies, is preparing the way for his manifestation.

CONCLUSION

1. We conclude our messages by first of all summarizing what we have been saying, by restating briefly our two main charges.

First, the Federal Council of Churches is the avowed enemy of the nation and the American way of life and as such should be shunned by every true American.

Secondly, the Federal Council of Churches is the open avowed enemy of the true Christian faith and as such should be repudiated by every true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. To be more pointed, since these things are true, once Christians know the facts, they cannot remain in association with the Federal Council without being guilty of treason against the nation and treason against the Lord Jesus. To remain in a denomination which is in the Federal Council, and thereby to be counted as a member of that Council giving it thereby moral and financial support, is clearly a case of aiding and abetting the enemies of our land and enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. The thing for all true Christians to do who are yet in the Federal Council denominations is to obey the command God has given them in II Corinthians 6:14-7:1.

"Stop becoming unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what partnership hath light with darkness?

And what sympathy hath Christ with Satan? or what portion hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Having therefore all these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement** of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Literal Translation.

God demands that we separate ourselves from such denominations, and have fellowship with and support only those true to the faith.

If you do not know of the location of such churches in your area, write:

THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

15 Park Row, New York 7, New York

This Bible-loyal and patriotic organization will be happy to give you further information, if you wish it concerning either the Federal Council, or the American Council.

National Constituents of THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

1. Bible Protestant Church
2. Bible Presbyterian Church
3. Southern Methodist Church
4. General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, North
(Individual churches approving, nearly 100% members)
5. Independent Fundamental Churches of America
6. Associated Gospel Churches
7. Old (Evangelical) Catholic Church
8. Union of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec
9. Tioga River Christian Conference
10. Conference of Fundamental Churches
11. United Christian Church
12. National Fellowship of Brethren Churches (in radio matters)
13. Methodist Protestant Church
14. Evangelical Methodist Church
15. Iowa Eldership of the Churches of God in North America
(not Pentecostal)

AN INVITATION TO YOU AND TO YOUR CONGREGATION TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL

Though only seven years old, the American Council of Christian Churches has fifteen constituent bodies. A sixteenth fellowship, now applying for reception, will lift the total membership to six thousand congregations and about two million members.

Two reasons account for the fact that informed Christians of discernment and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ desire individual membership in the American Council, why such persons pray and work to see their congregations apply for membership in this organization.

These two reasons are:

First. Because the American Council is exposing the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ, and of the only Gospel which can save man from sin.

The scripture not only *allows* but positively *requires* that those who attack the person of Christ and those who assail His pure Gospel shall be exposed and opposed by all whose profession of devotion to the Christ who died for their sins and rose again is a sincere and heart reality. The Bible is filled with illustrations both in the Old and New Testaments of Prophets and Apostles who singled out the enemies of their God to withstand them. It was to the glory of God, and surely for the benefit of His people, who might otherwise have been misled, that their resounding warnings were given. The watchman upon the walls is to give the alarm at the first evidence of the approach of hostile forces. The sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ, even if it costs the lives of Christ's faithful under-shepherds (and it has often cost that) are to be protected from wolves. Christ informs us that there will be many wolves in sheep's clothing, many false prophets, emissaries of Satan coming in the guise of angels of light.

Of course, some decry this service of the American Council as being "unfortunately negative." Often the negative service is the greatest conceivable positive benefit. To strike from a man's hand the deadly, poisonous liquid he is innocently about to drink, believing it to be helpful for his malady, is a negative service. Nothing of positive food value has been contributed to his system, nothing of medicinal worth given him. However, the man's life has been saved, if what he was about to drink would have brought death. Twenty-seven million Protestants in America, supporting the apostate and near-Communist Federal Council leadership, must be given the facts. Assuredly, the modernist and near-Communist leaders of their denominations may never be expected to concede the iniquity they have led their followers into supporting. When the people have these facts, true believers in large numbers will renounce the Federal Council with all their strength, and, at the same time they depart its membership, they will throw in their strength to make mightier throughout America and the world the testimony of the American Council.

Second. Because God is using the American Council to obtain outstanding advantages for the progress of the pure Gospel of Christ throughout the world.

These are but a few:

1. *Radio.* Complimentary nation-wide radio broadcasts are each year granted the American Council. The Federal Council's Protestant monopoly in radio has been broken. As the American Council membership shows sharp increase, top radio officials have given assurance that corresponding increase of radio time will be forthcoming. This time is never used, not a minute of it, to propagandize for the American Council. Every valuable moment is employed to present Bible

messages which call lost sinners to repentance and acceptance of Christ as Saviour; which strengthen believers in their Christian faith while leading them to more fruitful service for Christ.

2. *The Chaplaincy.* With numerous chaplains in the late war notorious for no saving message, and some of them hurtful in their ungodly example before the men, it was a happy day for thousands in the armed services, when the American Council succeeded in its battle to gain chaplaincy recognition by the Government. Each chaplain who served in World War II under the American Council banner was faithful to the Gospel by life and message. Should another war burst upon us (though God forbid) within the next five years, by that time the Christians of America should so rally to the support of the American Council that many hundreds of chaplains would be the American Council's quota.

3. *Foreign Missions.* The American Council is continuing its struggle to accomplish the end of an anti-Protestant policy on the part of some countries where it is extremely difficult to gain admission for a new Protestant missionary.

4. *The Battle for Freedom.* The American Council continues to provide the outstanding rallying point for all Protestants in America who recognize that the leadership, objectives, motives, and goals of Communism are clearly atheistic: anti-Bible, anti-God, anti-Christ. The menace to all freedoms America has enjoyed for many years is not *imagined*, but *real*. It is a menace which calls for action: united, swift, sustained and increasing. It demands no less than the speedy uprising of millions of Protestants who are anti-Communist, if we are to bequeath to our children and theirs the freedom which can be so easily lost by continued indifference. To lose to Socialism or Communism the outpost of economic freedom and private ownership will go far toward losing simultaneously, or shortly thereafter, the outpost of political freedom. Should these two outposts capitulate to the enemies of the Bible, which is of course the charter of all our freedoms, surely a total eclipse of religious freedom would seem almost inevitable.

For these reasons, and many others which might be cited if space allowed, we believe that you who read these lines will wish to apply to become an individual member of the American Council of Christian Churches, and that you will work and pray to see that the congregation to which you adhere will likewise apply for membership as a congregation.

If you would like to assist in a financial way in the expansion of this witness, so important to America and to the world, certainly such participation will be appreciated. If you wish additional literature, may we not hear from you?

If you wish an application card for Individual Membership, please write. However, in doing so, be sure to indicate your denominational affiliation and whether or not you are in a denomination belonging to the Federal Council.

Those in Federal Council congregations are invited to Auxiliary Membership.

Those having no association with any Federal Council denomination are invited to Constituent Membership.

Above all, will you not pray that God may be glorified through the work of the American Council and of every individual comprising its membership?

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..... **by Carl McIntire** ..

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The Rev. Carl McIntire was in attendance upon the Synod as a delegate from the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, New Jersey, of which he is pastor.

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Mr. McIntire is also the author of the books: "The Rise of the Tyrant," "Twentieth Century Reformation," "Author of Liberty," "For Such a Time As This," and "A Cloud of Witnesses."

"Best Sermons," 1947-1948, published by Harper and Brothers, selected one of Mr. McIntire's sermons, "Christ and Him Crucified," as among the fifty-two best sermons for the year throughout the world.

The church of which he is pastor has a membership of more than 1600, and has been broadcasting one of its church services for the past fourteen years.

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The radio talks presented here are just as they were delivered over the Nashville station.

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Destroying America's Free Economy

Good evening, everybody.

I BEGIN tonight a series of six talks on, "Russia's Most Effective Fifth Column in America." My subject is, "Destroying America's Free Economy"; tomorrow night, "The Infiltration of Communist Ideas into the Federal Council of Churches and Sunday School Literature"; Saturday, "Substituting Karl Marx for Jesus Christ"; Sunday night, "The Drive for World Socialism through the World Council of Churches"; Monday night, "Witch Hunting and the Origin of the So-called Civil Rights Program." My last talk, Tuesday night, I shall call, "A Personal Testimony."

I have said that a man who will not use his liberty to maintain his liberty is not worthy of liberty. A concerted, well-co-ordinated drive — as I shall show you in these talks — is on to turn America from her free economy to a controlled socialistic order, and the most effective leadership for this drive is being furnished inside of the churches, particularly in the leadership of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

I speak as a minister of the Gospel and pastor of a church. It is my duty as a servant of God to deal with these issues and to warn our people.

The Bible is our charter of liberty; it has given us all that we have. The Bible is God's Word. In it we are told of God, of man, of sin, and of what sin has done to him — cursed him and brought him death. The only way of eternal salvation is offered through God's Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross, shedding His precious blood for our sins, that we might be redeemed. This Gospel makes new

creatures. Men are born again when they accept Christ. This Bible gives us the Ten Commandments as God's law for the guidance of our lives and relationships with one another. It is these Ten Commandments that demand a free order in which to serve God. A man has a right to own property. "Thou shalt not steal," says the Eighth Commandment. Man has a right to use that property as his own, doing so to make a profit. The profit motive is not a sin! It is in the exercise of this profit system that America has become great and powerful. We have called it free enterprise. Man has been free to go out and buy a farm or start a business. It is this freedom which is now being attacked. There is to be substituted for it a socially planned and so-called democratically controlled economy — socialism. Of course, it is not called socialism, for that word is unpopular. It is offered to us in the name of "economic democracy," or "a more Christian economic order," or "social justice," or "economic brotherhood," or "the social gospel."

Before I go further, however, let me set before you the picture as we face it in America in our Protestant circles. In 1908 there was organized the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to be a voice for Protestantism. Today twenty-five of the larger denominations in the United States are members of it and it has a membership of 27,749,967. In 1941 there was organized the American Council of Christian Churches. This new Council — and there are now only two national church councils in the United States — was organized by groups which had broken away from the denominational bodies in the Federal Council. Our Bible Presbyterian denomination broke away in 1938 from the Northern Presbyterian Church, and it is one of the fifteen denominational bodies which now make up the American Council of Christian Churches. There are in the American Council more than six thousand individual congregations. Also, out of the Northern Baptist Convention has come the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Out of The Methodist Church have come the Evangelical Methodists, the Bible Protestants, and the Methodist Protestants who refused to go into the Methodist union. Out of the Congregational and others have come the independent churches — and so on.

There were three main reasons for the split. These groups had the same three reasons. They are: First, what is called modernism — departure from the clear, plain teachings of the Bible concerning the fundamentals of the faith; that is, that the Bible is God's holy and infallible Word, that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, that He shed His blood for our sins, and that God raised Him from the dead. Second, socialism, or a near-communism, as I have called it, the advocating of a new social order which is offered as the kingdom of God on earth. It is with this particular matter that I am dealing in these broadcasts. Third, a radical pacifism. The Federal Council has been a spokesman for a radical pacifism which has done our national defense great injury.

Thus we have the picture, and the lines are being drawn. On one side there is the Federal Council of Churches, which is endeavoring to lead us one way; on the other side there is the American Council of Christian Churches, which is endeavoring to stand firm by the historic position of the church, by the old-time religion.

Nothing would help the cause of Russia more right now than for America to cast off her free economy and to start the walk down the socialistic highway. The confusion, the conflict, and the destruction of individual initiative and responsibility, the assuming by the State of the responsibility for the economic welfare of all its people would so weaken the United States that Russia would have a freer hand to press her international expansion.

Let me now give you some quotations from the Federal Council's official statement calling for the changing of our free economy. In March, 1942, there was held a conference, sponsored by the Federal Council, in Delaware, Ohio, known as the Delaware Conference. It declared, "We believe that a new ordering of economic life is both imminent and imperative, and that it will come either through voluntary co-operation within the framework of democracy or through explosive revolution." Here is what is called "revolution by consent" — by the use of democratic processes, but it destroys our free economy.

The Federal Council has a Social Creed which reads: "The churches should stand for social planning and control of the credit and monetary systems and the economic

processes for the common good.” Remember, there are many economic processes. OPA could not even control butter. To control *all* the economic processes would make the OPA look like a house of toothpicks and a ladies aid society serving pink tea. It is not for me to tell you how revolutionary these demands are. One of the Federal Council’s own secretaries, Dr. B. Y. Landis, wrote a book, “Religion and the Good Society,” and concerning this very Creed he said: “The ideals that declared for an extension of democracy to industry and economic life generally were a bold challenge to the prevailing individualism of American life. Consequently, these ideals have been unpopular with the large majority of the economic leaders of the nation.”

The constitution of the Soviet Union, Article 11, Chapter I, says: “The economic life of the U.S.S.R. is determined and directed by the state national economic plan with the aim of increasing the public wealth, of steadily improving the material conditions of the working people and raising their cultural level, of consolidating the independence of the U.S.S.R.” The same national economic plan, the control of the economic life, which will also give these same so-called improved conditions, the Federal Council of Churches claims would be brought to pass if we turn aside from our free economy to the new order. But it is impossible — and this is what God’s people must see — to clamp down upon a nation an economic plan and leave the people free. A man must be compelled to fit into that plan and co-operate in harmony with that plan, or the plan will fail, and with the plan, free economy and America’s freedom of opportunity go, government planners and bureaucrats increase by the thousands, there come down upon us orders and restrictions, and the corruption of the government multiplies. This is not democracy, but the tyranny of the majority who order such restraints! When the plan begins to fail, greater restraints must be put upon the people to make it succeed — and our freedom is gone! You cannot walk down this socialistic road without calling in question freedom of the press and the radio and our other freedoms.

The larger denominations which make up the Federal Council have adopted this Social Creed and its principles

and are presenting the same ideas to the people through the churches. The Methodist Church in its General Conference in 1944 declared: "We endorse the stand taken by the Delaware Conference (Federal Council of Churches): 'We believe that a new ordering of economic life is both imminent and imperative.'"

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. in 1942 said: "We are witnessing the death of one age and the birth of another and must be prepared for far-reaching changes in the conventional framework of our lives. . . . The Church is challenged to accept the inevitability of this change and to direct this reappraisal to the end that there may be established a new brotherhood, more closely approximating the Kingdom of God. Within our own nation this social transformation is being made by persuasion and under law." Again the Presbyterian Church declared: "That competition as the major controlling principle of our economic life be re-examined, and an attempt made to secure rational planning in our economic life." That is socialism.

The Northern Baptist Convention in a pamphlet entitled, "Postwar Aims," declares, Section 8, "To Apply the Laws of God to Economic Life": "Proclaim with courage and conviction the basic and urgent necessity of attaining the yet unrealized goals of economic and political democracy in our national and international life." Economic democracy is what Russia claims that she has. It is the dictatorship of the proletariat.

This is serious, very serious, Christian people. How can the church advocate such ideas? The answer is, Because it has gotten away from the Bible's message. I shall give you some evidence concerning this in my later broadcasts.

Christian men and women who love our free economy are actually paying the bill for this kind of propaganda in the name of the Christian church. Instead of telling us that the foundations of our economic order should be changed, the church ought to be holding up before us God's eternal law, the Ten Commandments, preaching the judgments of God, and pleading for the preservation of our freedom, that men may be free to serve God.

Tomorrow night I shall go a step further and discuss, with some concrete evidence, the infiltration of communistic ideas into the Federal Council of Churches and Sunday school literature.

Thank you for listening. Good night.

The Infiltration of Communist Ideas into the Federal Council and Sunday School Literature

Good evening, everybody.

LAST night I told you of the drive to destroy our free economy and free enterprise system which is being carried on in the name of the church, particularly the Federal Council of Churches. The general over-all theme of these talks is, "Russia's Most Effective Fifth Column in America." Tonight I want to get down to the very heart of the issue and talk on "The Infiltration of Communist Ideas into the Federal Council of Churches and Sunday School Literature." If you who are listening to me are in the Federal Council of Churches, you need to know these things. Many of you are not in it; you also need to know what is going on, for the future of our country.

We prize individual liberty in this land above every other gift that God has given us in our free society. Let me say that you cannot compromise liberty and keep it. Freedom is one of those delicate, perishable things which can be destroyed so easily. Eternal vigilance is its price. You cannot compromise the truth and keep it; you cannot compromise purity and preserve it; you cannot compromise freedom and enjoy it.

Last night I read to you from the Social Creed of the Federal Council of Churches, which calls for a planned and controlled economy, the control of all the economic processes for the so-called common good. I read you, too, from the Soviet constitution where the same idea is presented as the economic life of the Soviet Union. Now

I have not called the Federal Council and its leaders communistic. They would deny it, and in recent weeks they have been denying it, because the pressure against them is very great. We do not accuse them of being atheistic, which is a part of the communistic order, but we do accuse them of advocating the communist ideas as they relate to the basic economic life of a nation. Now I am going to call some names, and read some facts.

The Federal Council's most popular evangelist, and a man beloved by many, is Dr. E. Stanley Jones. Dr. Jones refused to be a Methodist bishop in order that he might continue to be a missionary. The tragedy is — and I say it with a heart full of real sorrow — that Dr. Jones in his writings is advocating “the kingdom of God” as a social order and the communist idea for the economic ordering of that society. In his recent book, “The Christ of the American Road,” page 129, he says: “The Kingdom of God is a divine *society*. It is a social order.” Here is where the twist and mistake are made. The kingdom of God is *not* a social order! What did Jesus Christ say about the kingdom of God and how a man got into it? Christ said, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” On another occasion He said, “My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight.” The kingdom of God is a spiritual order, made up of the redeemed of God of every age and of every land. As Christians we are the salt of the earth, and it is because of the Christian salt that this world is as free as it is tonight!

Let me read Dr. Jones' estimate of communism in his book, “The Choice Before Us,” and then read his description of the kingdom of God on page 14: “Communism, on the other hand, is an attempt at unity on a larger scale — universal, in fact. It is attempting to bring unity into life by the recognition of what is to it a universal principle — the economic interpretation of history, basing life upon the economic, with a more just and equitable distribution of goods *through the putting of the means of production into the hands of society for the benefit of all who labor*. This is to be done through a class war which

will in the end bring all classes to one class, namely, the class of the workers, and hence a brotherhood of all who contribute through labor. This brotherhood runs across all national boundaries and unifies all life on this basis. It has one enemy, namely, the noncontributor." He is talking about me there. Then he adds, "The exploiter; and when he is eliminated, then the whole system is essentially pacifist. War is no more, and men are comrades and brothers." In this same book on page 30 he describes the kingdom of God: "The fruits of the Kingdom in a material life would be a fundamental justice to every man apart from class and race and birth; *a holding of the means of production by all in behalf of all; a brotherhood that would make life a family instead of a feud.*" Dr. Jones actually uses almost the same words to describe his economic philosophy as those used in describing communism.

Listen now to Article 4, Chapter I, of the Russian constitution: "The socialist system of economy and the socialist ownership of the means and instruments of production firmly established as a result of the abolition of the capitalist system of economy, the abrogation of private ownership of the means and instruments of production and the abolition of the exploitation of man by man, constitute the economic foundation of the U.S.S.R." Dr. Jones advocates for the economic foundation for his kingdom of God almost word for word what Russia has in her constitution. The subtlety of all this is, of course, that it is presented in the name of a Christian leader, and that with it, surrounding it, are some beautiful and acceptable ideas. It is chocolate-coated.

Read again from this same book, page 203: "In this new Society of the Kingdom we shall exclude none, but when some exclude themselves in spirit, then they thereby exclude themselves in sharing. If they refuse to cooperate, then they are refused the fruits of cooperation." What does this mean? It simply means that if you do not cooperate in the national economic plan, the kingdom of God, they will not give you a ration card, and you cannot have food. It is the same principle as the concentration camp. There it is in black and white. What distresses me is that so many Christian people who love this country and who

love the Bible hear this kind of talk and think it is beautiful. Some even call it heavenly.

The largest denomination in the Federal Council is The Methodist Church — some eight million members. The Federal Council of Churches is what it is in its pronouncements and policy because of the nature of the twenty-five denominations which make it up. It is a representative body and therefore expresses the position and viewpoint of the bodies in it. When we see the Federal Council taking a position, we can look back into the denominations which are in the Federal Council and find the same position expressed there. It is only natural that, if these churches really believe what they are advocating to be a part of the kingdom of God, they would teach it to the children and utilize the Sunday school literature as an instrument to accomplish their purpose.

I have here a number of Sunday school quarterlies. Here is the *Adult Student*, for March, 1946, edited by the Editorial Division of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. I want to read now from page 36, the lesson for March 31st, entitled, "My Task Now." Here the student is told what his task ought to be at the present time. In the section in which "Government Ownership and Control" is discussed, we read: "In confronting all such problems the man of faith will not be concerned about labels of 'capitalist' or 'communist,' 'reactionary,' or 'liberal.'" The man of faith, of course, is the Christian man, the church member. I continue: "He will be concerned with creating an economic order in which all may share in the goods which all work to produce." We do not have this order; it must yet be created. Here is the communist idea, the Marxian principle.

I was in Los Angeles a month ago on a speaking tour, and I showed this to a reporter of the Los Angeles *Times* who was interviewing me. When he read it, he laid down the quarterly and said, "That's the Party line." Listen to it again, "He will be concerned with creating an economic order in which all may share in the goods which all work to produce." Do you think that the students in the Sunday school should be taught that we must change our present free economic order to one patterned after the Marxian principle?

Now let me continue: "With this principle in mind he will study through each problem as it arises and take his stand accordingly." I have not left out a word or a sentence. The Sunday school pupils are told to embrace this principle. It is a principle. It is entirely different from the principle of our free society which made America what it is. It is the principle upon which the Russian society is built. When the student grasps this principle, "he will study through each problem." No matter what the social question or social problem is, he will study through it with a desire to bring to pass or to create this new economic order, and then he will take his stand accordingly.

I submit, ladies and gentlemen, that has no place in a Sunday school quarterly in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. I also submit that it constitutes a fifth column.

Now, let us turn to the preceding page, page 35: "This competitive individualism has already undergone drastic modification in all lands where it has existed. Indeed, an increasing number of informed observers is convinced that it is now impossible to return to the old ways or even to retain permanently what is left of capitalism."

Our free society has its defects and weaknesses, but one of them is not its freedom. The way to correct these defects and weaknesses is not to destroy our free system. A sustained attack is made upon our free society; it is caricatured, misrepresented. I read again: "It is almost equally clear that a system in which the main motive of work is competition for selfish gain, regardless of public service rendered, is likewise less than Christian." Do you believe that a system which leaves men free is less than Christian? That the question of liberty is involved is just as clear as can be from the Sunday school quarterly itself.

Let us turn back to the lesson for March 24th. It is entitled, "The Road Ahead." Under the subhead, "A More Closely Knit Community," we read (p. 31): "Another irresistible trend of the times is the development of a more deeply organic social life. . . . Jefferson held that the least governed are best governed. . . . Individual liberty was the great good and was to be interfered with, if at all, only when it interfered with the liberty of others."

Here the Methodist Sunday school quarterly states the Jeffersonian principle of liberty. That is right. That is

the foundation upon which the Constitution of the United States rests, and it is grounded in the Bible, God's Word, from whence it came.

Now, listen, "The kind of individualism which John Locke, Adam Smith, Thomas Jefferson, and Henry David Thoreau proclaimed is gone." No, it has not gone yet, but it is going fast, and it will be completely gone if the coming generation believes what is handed to it in the name of the church as being the kingdom of God.

Listen again: "Gradually we have been made aware that *we are of one body*. . . . The imperative need is for a more organic notion of society." No, the imperative need is for a free society, with free men, not with the iron grasp of the State about them, but free to serve God and to keep His blessed commandments. What I have read you is not in the Bible. It is a perversion of everything that the Bible offers to us concerning salvation and the freedom of man in a free society.

You say, How could it be possible that such a thing as that could get into the Sunday school literature? The answer is that men have turned away from a belief in and an acceptance of the authority and the message of the Bible.

The American Council of Christian Churches was organized in 1941 to offset this, to expose it, and to call people back to the Word of God and all that it teaches concerning Jesus Christ and salvation. You cannot force men by the iron vise and police power of the State to be good and to love one another.

Tomorrow night I shall go on from here and discuss the subject, "Substituting Karl Marx for Jesus Christ."

Thank you for listening. Good night.

Substituting Karl Marx for Jesus Christ

Good evening, everybody.

THE Chattanooga *News-Free Press* carried an editorial on March 29th entitled, "Church Pinks Out on Limb," which spoke of the fifth column in the Federal Council of Churches. The editorial then observed that, with the turn of events in international relations, the pro-communist propaganda inside the church is in a place to be effectively exposed, and it concluded by saying, "Somebody ought to get the saw out and go to work on that limb."

I do not believe that the Christian people of America want to see our free society, our free economic order, destroyed, and a controlled, planned, socialistic order put in its place. I do not believe that Christians want the Lord's money which should be used for the preaching of the Gospel to be used for the spreading of socialism.

Frederick Woltman, the Scripps-Howard reporter who won the Pulitzer Prize for exposing communism last year, has recently exposed Jerome Davis, a Methodist minister and author of the book entitled, "Behind Soviet Power." Frederick Woltman attended the convention of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, and in his report he said: "The convention's expert on American-Soviet relations is to be Dr. Jerome Davis, long an admirer of the Soviet system." He writes concerning Dr. Davis: "Dr. Davis summed up his views thus: 'Is it not probable that the greatest event of the 20th century thus far is the Soviet revolution and all that it has meant to human welfare?'"

Dr. Davis' book, "Behind Soviet Power," was sent last summer by the Division of Foreign Missions of The Meth-

odist Church, of which Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, bishop of the New York Area, is president, to every minister in The Methodist Church. A covering letter signed by Bishop Oxnam introduced the book to the preachers. It is one of the finest pieces of pro-Russian propaganda. The money to pay for this came out of the missionary funds.

I have in my hand the *Classmate*. Many of you know this Sunday school paper which is the official organ of The Methodist Church for young people. The date is July 20, 1947. Here is an article by Jerome Davis entitled, "Joseph Stalin." Let me read some of the sections in this article for you, and I want to ask you if this is the kind of propaganda that you think the coming generation in America should be taught in the name of the church of Jesus Christ. This is Jerome Davis writing: "It would be an error to consider the Soviet leader a willful man who believes in forcing his ideas upon others. Everything he does reflects the desires and hopes of the masses to a large degree."

I wonder what the people in Czechoslovakia would think about that statement?

Now let me read from the concluding paragraph of the article: "These are some of the aspects of Stalin's life which we should understand. Here is a man who was born under the Tsar's tyranny, without any money, coming from the poorest of the poor in the Caucasian Mountains, speaking a foreign dialect. Yet he studied desperately hard to win honors at graduation. Then he went out to fight for justice for the people." Did you hear that? Could it be that the Soviet system is being suggested as involving justice for the people? But listen: "But can we go out to serve God and the common people of America as sincerely and courageously as Stalin did for what he believed was best for his people?"

Fellow Christian, fellow American, do you think that Joseph Stalin should be held up to the youth in the Christian churches in the United States as an example of how to serve God sincerely and courageously? I don't.

This biography of Stalin reads like a biography of Thomas Jefferson. Let me turn back and read you more of these stories which are told about him. "Stalin was fearless in helping the workers. One day in Batum he led a demonstration demanding the release of those ar-

rested unjustly by the Tsar's officers. The police retaliated by arresting three hundred of the demonstrators. The next day Stalin marched at the head of a still larger demonstration. The police fired on the crowd. Stalin escaped, but within a month was found, arrested, and sentenced to three years. But he refused to stay put. He was able to contrive ingenious and daring means of escape so that he could continue his work in freeing the oppressed. During his life he was arrested seven times and escaped six. The last time he was released was by the Revolution." Could it be that the revolution is presented as perhaps a good thing, freeing Stalin, and should his heroic leadership for the revolution be held up to these young people as an example?

At the conclusion of an address in Cleveland where I read from this *Classmate*, there came to the front of the church a stalwart, gray-haired gentleman. Tears were rolling down his cheeks, and his hands were trembling. He said, "Mr. McIntire, I cannot deny what you say; there it is in black and white. But I did not know it. I am chairman of the Board of Stewards in such-and-such Methodist Church here in Cleveland. We have to do something about it." Then he gripped my hand firmly and said, "Young man, keep up the fight. I wish you could get on the largest radio network in America and read those words to the Christian people of this land." I said to him, "Sir, I'll be glad to do it if you will pay for the time."

Instead of presenting articles like this to the young people, they ought to tell them about the tyrannies of the collectivistic social order. You know, it is in the name of so-called economic brotherhood that we are being asked to give up our liberties. We have such false contrasts. In the name of liberty, we are going to lose liberty; in the name of civil rights, we are going to lose our civil rights; and it is in the name of a free society as contrasted with the police state, these Federal Council leaders now tell us, that we are going to be asked to give up our free economy. But that is the heart of our free society. When a socialist talks of a free society, he means one which will be controlled by their planners. Why, oh, why are we so blind? Why, oh, why are we so indifferent? Liberty, life, the Gospel are at stake.

The terms of the Christian faith, such as "the kingdom of God" and "the new man," are still to be used in this drive to socialize America. Men have read into the old terms new meanings. Freedom means something different. Christ means something different; in fact, He becomes Marx.

This same Methodist Church which published this *Classmate*, in its General Conference meeting in Boston last week voted to increase the contribution which it makes to the Federal Council from \$55,000 a year to \$90,000 a year.

The boldest and the most subtle attacks upon our free economy and free society are being carried on even in the lower age groups of the Sunday schools of these denominational bodies of the Federal Council. I speak of the Congregational Christian Church, The Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Northern Baptist Convention, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Southern esbyterian Church. And I am sorry to say that even into the Southern Baptist Church these same influences are beginning to be felt. Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, went to Europe and visited Stalin recently, and came back with a favorable report. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam wrote an introduction to his report, and the Communist Party of Illinois circulated the pamphlet with Bishop Oxnam's introduction in the name of the Communist Party of Illinois to the preachers of that state to promote the communist cause.

Why is all this coming upon us like a flood? Because we have gotten away from the simple teachings of and a childlike faith in the Bible. That Book is our Gibraltar and it is our moorings. Before socialism can take over America, God's people must be led to think that the Bible has a different meaning, and the campaign is on, subtly to take away our free society.

April Fool Day is always the day for pranks. On this April Fool evening there was a party held in the basement of our home by the young people of the church which I serve. I was unable to be there, but the next morning at the breakfast table my little boy passed around to each member of the family a stick of chewing gum. It was an un-

usual thing to pass chewing gum around at breakfast, but I had forgotten that the day before was April 1st. Every other member of the family knew exactly what was going on. After I had finished my breakfast I picked up the chewing gum. There was an attractive wrapper, "Wrigley's Spearmint Chewing Gum." I have seen the wrapper many times and so have you. I took it off, and there was a piece of tinfoil around the gum, just as was to be expected. Inside was a light gray colored stick of chewing gum, just like the chewing gum you have seen anywhere else. Up to that time everything was all right. I lifted the chewing gum to my mouth and began to chew. You know what happened! I had a mouthful of the hottest Mexican red-hot you ever tasted. Everybody enjoyed the joke, and I did not get the hot taste out of my mouth until after dinner was over!

We can laugh when such an experience has to do with chewing gum, but when it comes to you in the fair name of the church of Jesus Christ, wrapped up in the Sunday school quarterly, or in the name of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the voice of Protestantism; when it comes in the name of liberty and everything looks perfectly all right, but the message itself will destroy our free order and make us an easy prey for the advancing hordes of Russia, it is no laughing matter.

Let me carry my illustration a little further. Not only is the good wrapper put on the bad chewing gum, but the attempt is made to put the bad wrapper on the good chewing gum. I shall deal with that angle of things in my talk Monday night when I speak on "Witch Hunting and the Origin of the So-called Civil Rights Program." Will you listen? Once you are alert to tactics of this kind you can be on your guard. Several days later I took a piece of that same chewing gum on which I had been deceived and gave it to the same little boy who had deceived me. He looked at it; he would not touch it. He was alert!

I have told you of the Federal Council, organized in 1908, and its present program of modernism and the social gospel. I told you of the organization of the American Council of Christian Churches, and the issues that have arisen. At the very heart of it rests this mighty question of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Beloved, there is only one Gospel, and there is only one way to be saved. Jesus Christ said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Jesus Christ said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." Do you believe that? I do. I believe it with all my heart. I know that the Son of God left His home in Heaven; the ivory palaces, and came to a world of woe, that He might redeem us by His own precious blood and give us everlasting life and the certain hope of a resurrection day and of an eternity spent with our Creator and Redeemer. Join us in this mighty battle.

I have called this movement of which we are a part the Twentieth Century Reformation. It is a reformation in the twentieth century, calling God's people back to the faith. It means that we must put Jesus Christ above every other consideration. He said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ?

Thank you for listening. Good night.

The Drive for World Socialism Through the World Council Of Churches

Good evening, everybody.

I HAVE been discussing with you issues as they relate to our free economy, as opposed to the drive for socialism and the collectivistic economy which is the economic foundation of the Soviet system. There is a real issue inside of the United States concerning this, and it is in the church. More and more of God's people are being concerned.

The most effective field, however, where these ideas for the socialization of society are now being promoted is on the international level. These same church groups and leaders in the United States, which are represented in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, have a leading part in the formation of the projected World Council of Churches which will come into existence in a conference held in Amsterdam, Holland, August 24th.

I was present in Pittsburgh, November 28, 1944, and heard Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, the general secretary of the Federal Council, who also is serving on the committee for the formation of the World Council, say: "We in the Federal Council rejoice in our opportunity of helping to further the World Council. We see in it the extension of the spirit and principles which have animated the Federal Council." Then he added, "Ever since its formation this Council has sounded the note of Christian social responsibility."

Plank 2 of the Federal Council's Social Creed reads: "Social planning and control of the credit and monetary system and economic processes for the common good." In

my first talk I pointed out the similarity of this to the Marxian economic philosophy.

Dr. William W. Sweet, professor of History of American Christianity at the University of Chicago, in an article in "The Annals of The American Academy of Political and Social Science" for March, 1948, says: "There is emerging a World Council of Churches, largely under American Protestant leadership and inspiration." Since this new social order which is to be brought about when we change our present system of freedom is to be the kingdom of God, naturally it must be world-wide. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, one of the leaders in the World Council movement, said: "There must be over-all planning in terms of the whole world. 'Impossible,' 'Too vast,' it is said. I think not. . . . The planning can be done."

With such strong insistence upon world economic planning, one would naturally expect to see these same ideas emerging in the World Council setup. Of course, in the World Council the emphasis is upon unity, fellowship, and co-operation, but in these churches are some of the most blatant modernist leaders and aggressive socialists on the face of the earth.

A program has been printed and the theme announced for the world assembly. Commissions also have been established. There is the "Commission on the Church and the Disorder of Society." This is the commission which will deal with these socialistic problems. Whom do you think they have selected to be chairman of this department — a gentleman who is a stanch defender of our free economy, or a socialist? He is Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, a self-confessed socialist. Dr. Niebuhr also has been called by his colleague, Dr. John C. Bennett, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, a socialist. I quote from Dr. Bennett's book: "Most of the representatives of this theological trend that is often labelled 'Neo-orthodox' are themselves radical in the sense of being anti-capitalist in their understanding of the Christian social imperative." A footnote reads: "I refer to such theologians, however they are labelled, as Karl Barth, Emil Brunner, Reinhold Niebuhr. . . ."

Last summer at the World Youth Conference in Oslo

the main speaker was Dr. Niebuhr. Standing before a host of youth from all sections of the world, he cried: "I am socialist." When such an able socialist is placed in such a position, does it not indicate where the World Council leaders intend to go?

Also preliminary to and to be a part of the World Council's program, there has been established the "Commission of the Churches on International Affairs." Mr. Mallory Browne, special reporter for the *New York Times*, writing in the *Times* of August 6, 1946, reporting the establishment of this commission, said that the commission was established "to make the voice of the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches heard in international, political, and economic questions." He explained that the American viewpoint prevailed in the conference, though there was some difficulty with Europeans. "The split was mainly between American and European delegates. A number of European representatives at the conference, which is being held under the auspices of the World Council of Churches, urged caution in considering a proposal by the Americans to set up an international commission through which churches would wield organized influence in world affairs. Grave doubts were expressed by several Europeans as to the advisability of setting up such a commission in their countries, and others warned that churches might thereby fall into the danger of being considered simply another power bloc." In the name of organized world Christianity, in the name of its millions of members, effort is now going to be made to give socialism to the world.

The political power of this World Council is already being felt. Last summer the Rev. Francis A. Schaeffer, Bible Presbyterian minister who toured Europe for three months contacting Bible-believing church leaders, was actually kept out of the British-occupied zone in Germany because he was not endorsed by the World Council of Churches. The British Government refused to permit him to go in without the World Council's approval. The influence of this World Council body with government is going to be felt in closing doors to Bible-believing missions. Dr. Herman Reissig who has been touring the United States recently in behalf of the World Council of Churches

said: "We must be ruthless with what is not relevant."

Another very significant thing about this world socialism program is that the Federal Council has officially stated in regard to the European recovery program that the United States should not make any suggestions as to how Europe might effectively restore her economy. In other words, we are to provide the money and not suggest to Europe that a free economy might enable her to get on her feet more quickly. American aid, made possible because of a free economy, cannot, according to the Federal Council leadership, suggest that Europe would be in a better position if she turned away from socialistic ideas and gave private enterprise an opportunity to function in all of its initiative and resourcefulness.

A part of the drive for world socialism is to convince the people of the inevitability of change and also to get across to them the general ideas of different concepts of liberty. Hence, the drive is on to frame new charters of freedom and to include in these new charters so-called new freedoms. Thus we have the same emphasis that we have seen in the leadership of the Federal Council taking shape in the World Council. There is also the same modernist foundation. That is, that belief in the Christian faith and denials of the Christian faith may all work together in one great body in the name of unity.

Truth is always more important than unity. God's Word and His eternal commandments must be honored.

The World Council has a brief statement in its creed which sounds good on the surface: "The World Council is a fellowship of churches which accepts our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour." If that meant what you and I think it means, we could accept the statement. But there has also been adopted by the World Council leaders a statement concerning this declaration, which, of course, is not printed in the little folder they circulate. This official declaration reads: "The foundation is not a touchstone, whereby the faith of churches or persons can be judged; ... the World Council does not concern itself with the manner, in which the Churches will interpret the foundation; ... it is left to the responsibility of every church to decide whether they will cooperate on this basis." In other words, you can interpret those words to mean what you want them

to mean and nobody will ask any questions. "Come right on in," they say.

One of the leaders who has been promoting the World Council and whose name appears prominently on their literature is Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, who has written: "Of course, I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the Atonement." Throw away the virgin birth, and you throw away the teaching of the Bible concerning the deity of our Lord. Throw away the substitutionary atonement, and you throw away the only way of salvation there is.

Here in the projected World Council is the same picture that we see in America. In America this has been offset, as I have explained to you, by the American Council of Christian Churches and the vigorous denominational bodies which make it up, such as our Bible Presbyterian denomination which is now meeting here in Nashville.

Now I am happy to tell you, and I am sure you will be pleased to know, that the American Council of Christian Churches in this country last fall issued a call for the establishment of an international council of Christian churches. This call has gone forth to Bible-believing churches throughout the world. Two weeks before the meeting of the World Council in Amsterdam there will be held in the same city the first congress of the Bible-believing churches and denominations throughout the world for the setting up of a Protestant council, an international council of Christian churches, to stand for liberty and the faith once delivered unto the saints. There will be no modernism; there will be no socialism. It will raise a standard that will be known around the world.

The World Council of Churches, by the way, also includes the Greek Orthodox churches, which are not Protestant. These churches, of course, are entitled to their views in this world of ours, but certainly the Protestants have no business yoking up with churches that deny the Protestant principles of the Reformation. Just as in the United States we have the Federal Council and the American Council, on the world level we are going to have the World Council and the international council. Thus the issues can be clarified and real testimony given to the Bible and to God's holy Word.

The greatest admiral that the British navy ever had, Admiral Nelson, declared just twelve days before the great battle at Trafalgar, "No captain can do very wrong if he places his ship alongside that of an enemy."

Socialism is the enemy of a free society. Modernism is the enemy of the Gospel. The drive is on to use the international situation and the pressure of international relations and contacts with the United Nations further to influence the United States in the drive for world socialism.

These arguments in behalf of unity are very, very deceptive. Let me illustrate. Two plus two equals four. That is true. That represents liberty; that represents the Gospel. There are those abroad in the world today who say that two plus two equals six. That represents atheistic communism; that represents the extreme materialistic modernism that is in the church. But the cry for unity goes up. We must unite, unite; and under the pressure of that cry strong emotional appeals are made that each side ought to be willing to give in a little in order to have unity. So, for the sake of harmony and world progress, the man who believes that two plus two equals four says that he will give a little, and the man who believes that two plus two equals six will concede a point, and they will both unite on the proposition that two plus two equals five. They have harmony; they have at last gotten together and agreed. But they do not have the truth, and it is right there that the test is being made in our free world. It is right there that the test is being made for those who believe the Bible.

Those who love freedom must stand by two plus two equals four; and those who love the Bible and its eternal truth must stand by two plus two equals four, no matter what comes.

Thank you for listening. Good night.

Witch Hunting and the Origin of The So-Called Civil Rights Program

Good evening, everybody.

IN THESE six talks I have been dealing with the socialistic propaganda of the Federal Council of Churches and the larger denominations in it. I have also told you of the rise of the American Council of Christian Churches and its testimony to the historic Christian faith. Saturday night I read you at great length from the *Classmate*, an official Sunday school paper of The Methodist Church, the largest body in the Federal Council, and you heard the praise of Joseph Stalin and the Russian system which Jerome Davis wrote for the young people of the church.

Now whenever this type of propaganda is carried on, there is also another line of propaganda that accompanies it. For instance, those who would expose those who are trying to change our free economy are called witch hunters.

I have in my hand the *Classmate* for February 1, 1948. The article, "Signs of the Times," by Floyd K. Baskette, deals with civil liberties and witch hunting. I quote: "Witch-hunting, inspired by the fear of the atomic bomb, may prove a real danger to basic civil liberties. . . . The Committee of the House of Representatives on Un-American Activities may be one of the chief offenders. . . . The committee, both under the leadership of Representative Dies and Wood, has shown little tolerance or fairness in its investigation of 'un-American activities.' "

I wonder if it is the responsibility of the church of Jesus Christ to carry on propaganda among the young people against the House Committee on Un-American Activities? Why not give the youth the Bible? Of course, that committee is not perfect, but it certainly has been set

up to do a very needed job in this hour of tremendous crisis. It is this Committee on Un-American Activities that has exposed some of the radicalism of leaders in the Federal Council. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the president of the Federal Council two years ago, has been exposed by it.

Let me quote from a report of that committee concerning Bishop Oxnam: "This individual is a Methodist minister and is sometimes referred to as a collectivist bishop.

"He has a record of association with several groups which have been called Communist fronts. Among these were the following:

"Oxnam has been a sponsor of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Inc. . . . The organization has been cited as a communist front by several investigative bodies. Corliss Lamont, one of the active heads of the organization has been called the most faithful adherent of the Communist Party line in the United States."

Naturally, when the Committee on Un-American Activities begins to make available to the public such information, it is not surprising to find Sunday school literature attacking the Committee on Un-American Activities and condemning it as witch hunting.

This same thing is done in regard to the Federal Council of Churches also. I have here the *Westminster Adult Bible Class* for May, 1948, monthly lesson magazine of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. I read: "I understand that the Federal Council of Churches is an agency through which Presbyterians and many other denominations can work effectively. I understand also that the International Council of Religious Education brings together forty or so denominations to make lesson outlines and promote the cause of Christian Education unitedly. But I am told that both these organizations are under fire from certain other groups within the Christian fold who are bringing the charge of 'unorthodoxy' and other easily charged but difficult-to-prove statements. My own feeling, after looking rather thoroughly into the matter, is that the Federal Council and the International Council are the Nehemiahs who are building and reconstructing, and that the critics of these co-operative movements are in danger

of becoming the Sanballats and the Tobiahs. I certainly urge every adult Bible class member to be wary of charges that he may read or hear against . . . the Federal Council." Thus the Sunday school literature is used not only to propagate socialistic ideas, as I pointed out, but the same literature is used also to warn people against those who would expose what is being done. Either they expect exposure or people are becoming so aroused that these defenses are now necessary.

The civil rights program that we hear so much about today and which is causing such concern had its origin in the Civil Rights Congress in Detroit. Attending this meeting were prominent leaders of the Federal Council of Churches, and also leaders in the Communist Party. Let me read you what the Committee on Un-American Activities had to say about that. I read to you from a report on the Civil Rights Congress by the Committee on Un-American Activities dated September 2, 1947, page 19: "The 'Civil Rights Congress' is an organization dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party. . . . The organization is controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it, and . . . in carrying out defense aims, the organization has at the same time engaged in a campaign of vilification against the American Government."

The Attorney General also cited the Civil Rights Congress and its affiliated organization as a "subversive" organization in a list prepared pursuant to Executive Order 9835, released by the U.S. Civil Service Commission, December 5, 1947.

Now, by the strangest twist, many of the same aims and goals which are a part of the original Civil Rights Congress are included in the so-called civil rights program offered to us at the present moment. F.E.P.C. is one of the most objectionable features. F.E.P.C. has had the official endorsement of the Federal Council of Churches, and its representatives have lobbied in Washington for the adoption of F.E.P.C. Here are the representatives of the church going to Washington in the name of so many million Protestants calling for this type of legislation. Let

me read to you from the official hearings before the Subcommittee of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare of the United States Senate, June 11 through July 18, 1947. Dr. Beverley M. Boyd, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Federal Council, appeared and said: "I appear here to express the views of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America as stated in official action by its executive committee and at its biennial meetings."

Here the Federal Council goes to Washington. Undoubtedly, great numbers of Christian people who are members of the Federal Council churches oppose F.E.P.C., and yet their representative counts them and goes to Washington claiming to speak for them on this very vital issue. In the course of this testimony Dr. Boyd, when pressed under cross-examination by one of the Senators, said: "I do not wish to increase, as you know, the antagonisms, but my personal feeling is that maybe the time has come when to gain our goal we may have to increase those antagonisms, and maybe this is the practical step." Here a minister goes on the stand before a committee of the United States Senate and admits that F.E.P.C. will increase antagonisms and that he thinks it is a good thing to do in order to obtain their particular goal. What is the goal? I'll tell you what I believe it is — it is socialism; and the greater the racial tension, the greater the demand for government controls!

Let me read you now the statement which the American Council adopted on F.E.P.C. at its meeting last week down in Atlanta:

"In the name of 'Civil Rights,' the proposed civil rights program will destroy America's most fundamental civil liberties. The attack upon liberty today has to be made in the name of liberty. It is the Satanic angel-of-light approach. This is a stratagem to use the prestige of government to smear and to intimidate those who would oppose that hurtful legislation which the proponents of such measures want.

"It promotes class consciousness and inspires hate between peoples. It is another step toward the socializing of America. It had its genesis in the Detroit Civil Rights

Congress of 1946, where known communists and radical church leaders of the Federal Council initiated the entire program.

"The F.E.P.C., which is recommended as a part of this program, and for which the Federal Council has lobbied in Washington, is a vital part of the communist program at the present stage of their developing blueprint. Free enterprise, the right of the employer to choose, and the right of the employee to work with whom he desires are substantially abrogated. The employer is legally forbidden to make inquiry of a prospective employee concerning matters which involve the success of his business, and which may have bearing on the security of the entire nation. F.E.P.C., in principle, would be a far-reaching cloak for the shielding of disruptive agents. The solution to these problems is not to be made by an appeal to the police state, but by the preaching of the Gospel, the presentation of the law of God, and the eternal judgments of God upon evildoers. Human relations are not aided by 'social-gospellers' who would place us in an iron vise."

Why doesn't the church of Jesus Christ preach the Gospel? Why must it go down to Washington and take part in political maneuvers?

Christian friends, these issues concern you; they concern me and our children, the future of the church and our country.

The solution of these problems has to do with the preaching of Jesus Christ. Men need to be saved and born again; then they will love their neighbors. All the socialistic vises and clamps in the world cannot make a man be good. When the church is being used, as I have pointed out in this talk, to stir up confusion and strife, the cause and hope of Russia are greatly enhanced.

We cannot sit silent and let those who would destroy our free economy simply run away with our freedom. Christian people, God's Word has something to say about your support and your fellowship with that which is contrary to the Gospel and to the Word of God. We are indeed in the midst of a twentieth century reformation.

Tomorrow night I shall go into more detail in my final

talk which I have called, "A Personal Testimony." I want you Presbyterians especially to hear my final talk.

Thank you for listening. Good night.

A Personal Testimony

Good evening, everybody.

THIS final talk I want to make in the nature of a personal testimony. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Saviour. I know that He died for my sins, and I trust Him. My only hope of Heaven and of eternity is in the finished work of His cross. My, how I praise God for this Gospel and this hope! It is all that I have; the only message there is that is worth preaching.

The last few nights I have been talking to you about modernism and socialism and near-communism in the Federal Council of Churches, and the issues that we face in the Christian world. They concern everyone of us who believes the Bible. But someone says, How is it that churches could get away from the truth? The only answer is that they have turned aside from the Bible.

Here is another Sunday school quarterly from The Methodist Church — October, November, December, 1948 — in which the Intermediates, the young boys and girls, are told: "Folks used to think that Moses wrote all these books [referring to the Pentateuch], but the best Bible scholars now tell us this is not so. There were several reasons for this earlier belief. The authors of the books *said* they were written by Moses, for one thing. . . .

"As a matter of fact, the books of the Pentateuch, in their present form, were written many years after Moses' death, but that great hero laid the foundation for all early Hebrew legislation. We don't know for sure that he wrote anything, or that he knew how to write!"

When I read a thing like this, given to the innocent boys and girls, it grieves and breaks my heart, because Jesus Christ had something to say about Moses. He said to the religious leaders, "Had ye believed Moses, ye would

have believed me: for he *wrote* of me" (John 5:46). Now whose word are we going to take — that of Jesus Christ or the Methodist quarterly? I believe we should take the word of the Lord Jesus. We must believe Christ — all that He said.

My friends, it is a heartbreak. I have wept, I have shed many tears over what is happening. I never dreamed when Jesus Christ called me to be a preacher of the Gospel that I would be called upon to walk the path that I have gone, or to make radio talks like these! Paul said in Galatians 1:8 and 9, "If . . . an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." There is only one Gospel, and men must hear it, and we must defend that message.

I attended the last meeting of the Federal Council in Seattle, when Mr. Charles P. Taft, the present president, was elected. He delivered an address accepting the nomination, and this is what he said. I am going to quote it to you, but as I do, my heart is heavy. He goes out of his way to cast aside, as the solution for our present problems, the great saving doctrines of the Word of God: "The evangelicals of the revival a hundred and more years ago emphasized the personal depravity of each man and the absence of any 'particle of inherent righteousness' in the miserable sinner. Only conversion of a kind that is fixed at an identifiable moment, the vicarious atonement of Jesus, and the justification that comes completely dissociated from anything else the sinner does, could save any of us. They had little appreciation of liturgical beauty. The belief in the verbal inspiration of the Bible made a pretty complete whole, all of which still can be found now in the new churches at which we are accustomed to look a little down our noses. The membership of the Church of God or of the Nazarene certainly shows the effectiveness of the old-time religion, even though we may be convinced it is not a solution, at least in those terms, to our modern problem."

My friends, these doctrines *are* a solution. If we believed in the total depravity of man, if we believed in the substitutionary atonement, we could have another revival. The Bible tells us when men deny these doctrines, we are to let them be anathema. The Federal Council has

fallen so far away that it takes a man who questions the saving doctrines and elects him president of the Council. Mr. Taft tells us where the doctrines can be found; he knows where they are not being preached. Let me say, if these doctrines were being preached and honored in the churches today, we would have a revival.

I am a Presbyterian. I was born in a Presbyterian manse. I was reared in the Southern Presbyterian Church. I went to Princeton to start my ministerial training. There I learned of the conflict between belief and unbelief, of modernism in the church, and of the rising of what is called higher criticism. I immediately said that I had to stand on the side of the Bible, regardless of what it cost or what it meant, and I have stood in the church with that group that fought against the modernist doctrines and these rising socialist philosophies. Fifteen years ago I became the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Collingswood, New Jersey, a church of 1166 members. I was twenty-eight. The church was greatly disturbed over modernism in the Board of Foreign Missions of the denomination, and we reached the point where we refused to send any money to the Board because missionaries were being sent out who denied the way of salvation. I worked with others in the church to try to have the Board corrected, and, when the General Assembly refused to correct the situation, the late Dr. J. Gresham Machen, scholar and defender of the faith, led in the organization of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. I became a member of that Board.

Immediately, in 1934, the General Assembly attacked this Independent Board in a mandate and directed that its ministers resign immediately and that they support only the officially approved denominational program or be put on trial. I had to make a decision before my Saviour. Would I obey the General Assembly, or would I obey what I believed the Bible taught? I believe the Bible forbids us to support, with God's money, unbelief. I believe it is wrong to send out missionaries who do not preach the way of salvation. I also believe that we are commanded to send out the right kind. The church of Christ is not a forum; it does not include all views and opinions. We present only one way of salvation, and that is the Christ

of the Bible, His shed blood and bodily resurrection.

Well, I refused. I was tried, and in 1936 the General Assembly, in its highest court, speaking in the name of Jesus Christ and upon His authority, suspended me from the ministry and commanded me not to take the holy Communion of Jesus Christ again until I repented of my "sin" and obeyed this order. Need I tell you what happened? My great church in Collingswood — and, thank God for it — said, We have to separate from the denomination. We had a beautiful building, Gothic in design, which our people had built at a cost of \$250,000. We renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and, since the fight was over the Bible, we simply put the word "Bible" in front of the word "Presbyterian," and called ourselves the Bible Presbyterian Church.

When the General Assembly came to take away our property from us, we fought for it. We lost in the lower court, and we walked out — 1200 of us. We met in a tent on an empty lot. It was cold. Then we built a wooden tabernacle, and today we are still in that wooden tabernacle, more than 1600 of us. The Bible Presbyterian denomination now has twelve presbyteries, and churches in twenty-seven states of the Union. My, how I praise God! He is Lord! The Bible Presbyterian Church had a part in the establishment of the American Council of Christian Churches.

"The word of God is not bound." Property and position and preferment are nothing compared to the eternal verities of the faith of our fathers. Think what our fathers went through, and suffered! But there comes a time when decision has to be made — will it be Christ and obedience to Him, or will it be men, and a church organization? I love Christ, and I love His church. I have never said one single word against the true church of Jesus Christ. Everything I have ever done and fought for has been for the preservation of the true church of our blessed Lord and Saviour. God cannot bless sin; God cannot bless unbelief; and God is going to judge us unless His people who love Him take a stand for His Word. We came out. I say to you tonight, those of you who are in denominations and churches where there is modernism, if those churches

can be purified, stay in and fight; but if not, then you should separate and take part in the establishment and preservation of a true church that will preach the Gospel and which God will honor. The Bible tells us what to do!

The Bible is our charter; it is our hope. I believe that millions of Americans who believe and love the Bible do not know what is being done and what is going on. They need to be told. You need to help us tell them. This was one reason we started the *Christian Beacon*, a weekly religious newspaper, twelve years ago. God is blessing it and sending it to all parts of the world. This was one reason we started Faith Theological Seminary where today seventy-five college graduates are learning to preach and to go out and take their places in the great battle of the day. My, what a company we have found! There are more than seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal!

Most of all, we have found the Lord Jesus Christ in all His faithfulness and all His blessedness. He said, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." In these days when men talk about the brotherhood of man and gloss over and confuse the great issues of salvation and of death and of eternity, those of us who know the real brotherhood of the redeemed have found a precious Father, the eternal God.

My personal testimony and my plea to you tonight is, if you are a Christian, in the light of God's Word, do something about what I have told you. If you are not a Christian, Jesus Christ will save you and you can spend the rest of your days being a faithful witness and worker for Him in helping to build a true church of our Lord, and in helping to save free America.

Let's be done with socialism. Let's be done with helping the communist program in America. Let's be done with these confused ideas. Let's go out and use our strength to preserve our free society with all the liberties that are guaranteed to us in the Constitution of the United States.

I believe that Jesus Christ is coming back again. As I

see the shaping up of world events, I believe it will not be very long. I look for Him every day. He told me to watch, and when He comes the dead are going to be raised, and we are going to be given new bodies. My, how the cry of the heart of the Christian continues, Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

I have been in your city of Nashville attending the eleventh General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church. That Synod adjourned today. The pastors and their wives, elders, and representatives have gone back to their churches. Pray for us.

Take your Bible, take these facts, wherever you are, and God will show you clearly His will for you, and your place for the glory of Jesus Christ.

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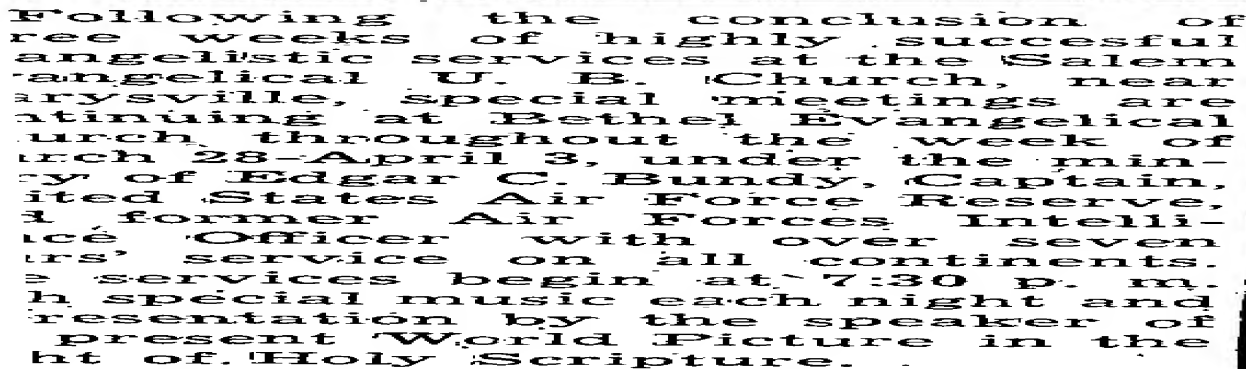
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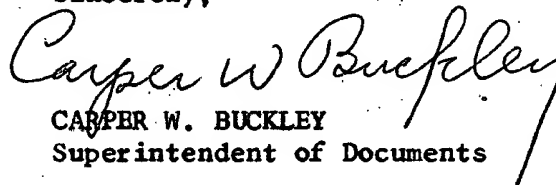
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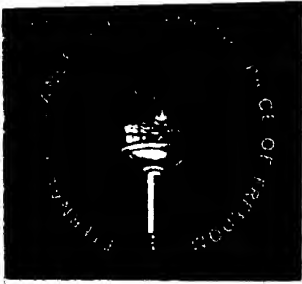
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I notice an article, beginning on page 18, entitled, "Do Strikes Hurt the Economy?"

The "No!" reply is given by one Sydney Lens.

It so happens that the biography on Mr. Lens as given at the bottom of page 19 is very highly misleading.

Mr. Lens is one of the outstanding left-wingers in the whole Chicago area. I have had the dubious privilege of debating this man on radio in Chicago as he has supported Fidel Castro and the whole communist movement in Cuba. Mr. Lens has been identified with pro-communist projects over a period of years, and when I asked him on the radio program concerning communist party membership he refused to answer.

He became secretary of the newly formed American Forum For Socialist Education, which was thoroughly exposed by United States government committees and by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is a coalition of the members of the Communist Party and socialists for promoting the cause of socialism in the United States.

I am enclosing photocopies of the background on Mr. Lens, and I believe that such documentation ought to be made known to the Rotarians who read the August 1961 issue of the magazine so that they will know exactly whom Mr. Lens is.

Very truly yours,

Edgar C. Bundy
General Chairman

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Mr. [redacted]
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Dear [redacted]

You wrote a note on page A5604 of the Congressional Record of July 24 asking who is Henry M. Bullock.

Bullock is editor of all the publications of the Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee and a definite radical modernist in the field of theology and one who hates those who still hold conservative theology. Being a paid employee of the Methodist church, he defends all the 'wild ones' such as Bishop Oxman and all the other left-wingers. He is paid to do the job to smear any who would expose pro-reds in the church.

Now who is Congressman J. Carlton Loser? Why cannot we get someone to put an article in in refutation of what Mr. Bullock says?

There is a regular campaign on throughout the United States on the part of the National Council of Churches and the local churches affiliated with it to smear as furiously as they can the anti-communist. We are getting church bulletins

sent in to us every day quoting Sullivan of the F.B.I. against the anti-communist groups who have maintained that the commies have had influence in religious groups. Now, they are also quoting J. Edgar Hoover, who in all of his latest letters, copies of which we have says, "while infiltration of religious groups as well as other established institutions has been and will continue to be a prime target of the communists, fortunately, there has been no substantial penetration of religious institutions."

never forget the fact that Hoover is a member of a denomination which is affiliated with the National Council of Churches, the United Presbyterian Church. I would like to bet that Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the stated clerk of this denomination, has been to see Hoover personally and has persuaded him to send Sullivan out over the country (as Louis Cassels, Religion Editor of United Press International says in his syndicated articles) to disparage the exposes of the anti-communists in regard to communist penetration of religious groups.

Questions are being raised by hundreds of people all over this country with whom we have worked for many years. We have quoted Hoover's testimony, books, et cetera, to them on the subject of religion or communism in religion. However, when you come right down to it, Hoover has never named a single name of any church or individual. He has dealt in nothing but generalities and will not deal in specifics.

How does one measure "influence" of communists in religious groups, other than by the weight of testimony which has been

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John Birch Society

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Silver Spring, Md.
March 31, 1961

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Dear Ed:

Just phoned [] to get your whereabouts for the next couple of days because I hope to get away tomorrow or Sunday for a week down at Rodanthe. [] will stay here. As I wrote last night to Wheaton I wish we could get an hour or so together because of the John Birch Society situation. [] says you are getting all kinds of queries out there about it. I assume that some JBers also Church League supporters.

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There frankly are so many developments on this thing here in Washington that you won't know about down there that I doubt I can cover them all in a letter. It's one heluva mess. [] and several others have resigned. Several key people here who set up local JB societies are taking this stand.

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(Birch society people --not mine)

The attacks prove that the society is doing real anti-Communist work and hurting the Commies and their secret sympathizers and defenders. This is the McCarthy case all over again. Joe had to be destroyed because he was getting too successful. This will weed out the weaklings and scared cats and strengthen the society. (I suspect this comes direct from Welch.)

The society is not responsible for Welch's opinions and statements made years before the society was set up by him. They have nothing to hide and welcome any Congressional investigation. Period.

Now the other side. Welch as recently as the Sept. issue of American Opinion called [] a Communist and "corrupt." Also that his family were Commies and that [] (a secret Communist was fooling the US that he was an anti is actually assassinating ten anti-Communists a day in South Viet Nam and more of the same) This is not lunacy but vicious. Luckily [] just got back here from Saigon.

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[] officer of top level, as smart as they make them. knows all the answers and is []
[] he laughed and said "Bob Welch is nuts--he knows absolutely nothing about Viet Nam and got that story from []

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[redacted] incidently is Catholic and on the staff
[redacted] in exile from Red China.

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I checked and found out that [redacted] had
been working for Welch but that they came to a parting
of ways and that [redacted] recently has been down here
denouncing Welch.

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Birch Society people here are outraged that
Welch would attack indiscriminately and without evidence
staunch and establish anti-Communists. They don't care
a hoot what he said about Eisenhower, Nixon and others
but to ~~denounce~~ denounce a man fighting for his life and country
against Communists as a "secret Commy," is unforgivable.
Particularly so when he does it without any bona fide
sources of intelligence and purely on the say so of a
wandering adventurer whose own background is not too
clear and established.

So they are going to demand that Welch retract
what he has published in print since the society was
founded. If he doesn't they want the national board to
take over at least temporarily. Welch has already told
them he will not account for funds nor will he resign.

Many Congressmen and Senators are deeply involved
and/or are badly worried about the whole wretched imbroglio.
Inclosed clippings from today's Washington News bring the
story up to tonight. I feel fairly sure there will be an
investigation. The trouble here is, of course "by whom?"

Mr [redacted] will not touch it and I doubt [redacted] will.
That is just what these who want to destroy the JBS hope
for. That leaves only McClellan and his Permanent Comm.
on Investigations. (former McCarthy comm but now under
entirely new staff control.

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There is a great deal more but I can't cover
everything in a letter. For the time being and while you
are away from Wheaton I would suggest the inclosed form
letter reply. I take it you would not want to say or do
anything to hurt the JBSers. I never joined and have no
bias one way or another except Welch scares me because
of his obvious credulousness and gullibility. You could
convince him that Pope John was a homo on the "assumption"
that he must be because he never associated with women.
All this mess is inevitably going to hurt every anti-Communist
in the country and set us all back years. No one in his right
mind will then ever want to engage in the slightest anti
Communist effort. DON'T LET THIS GET OUT OF YOUR HANDS
CONSIDER IT EYES ONLY. Quite possible I will be here Saturday
night--phone me if you like.

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PS In 1956 I took up with JB in New York the question of just who Welch was and why did he make the fantastic and criminally libelous charges that he did in his black book (The Politician) This was two years before the John Birch Society was set up. Doc answered: as near as I can recall:

"I have talked with Bob several times and told him his suspicions about Ike and several others were crazy but he refuses to listen to me. "

Now I know that Welch had the highest regard for JB's tremendous fund of knowledge on this question and also the highest personal regard. Why in the name of common sense did he still persist in mailing around the dangerous and deluded tripe that he did?

The whole thing makes me sick all the way through.

SUGGESTED FORM REPLY.

The Church League has received a number of letters and queries about the John Birch Society. Because of my absence from Wheaton on an extended lecture tour it is impossible to go into a detailed reply at this time.

We now have sufficient experience from the sordid story of the destruction of Senator Joseph McCarthy by the anti-anti-Communist establishment in this country to be exceedingly suspicious of everything we may see in the newspapers.

We have never received any derogatory information on any chapter of the John Birch Society. The Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee over the signature of Senator Eastland answers all queries for information on the society by saying that as far as the sub-committee knows it is "an anti-Communist organization composed of patriotic Americans."

Nor do we have any information on Mr. Robert Welch other than what he has himself written in various issues of American Opinion which is an open publication available to anyone sending for it or it may be examined in most libraries. Mr. Welch is ~~exceedingly~~ quite literate and capable of defending and explaining his own views and position.

We might well note that all successful anti-Communists in this country from the time of Hamilton Fish thirty years ago were invariably subjected to smear attacks similar to those launched against the John Birch Society at this time.

There undoubtedly will be a Congressional investigation and it is to be hoped that it is fair and unbiased one so that the American public can have all the facts on this otherwise highly controversial affair.

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday

Dear Ed:

I sent you a bill for April about a week ago. Hope this has not gone astray as check has not yet arrived. Ignore if it is on the way.

I also have not received the compendium on Congressional ministers [redacted] and I naturally would like to have the bound set of News and Views.

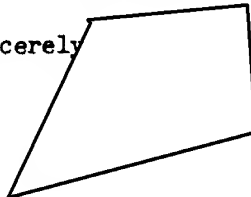
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Would appreciate in the future as a courtesy getting copies of everything that the Congress League puts out so that our files are up to date just in case you refer to me a query which might be serviced from one of these reports.

Hoover under orders from Bobby is detaching 40 FBI men here from surveillance over suspected Soviet agents (security) to accounting and other duties "in order to clean up a backlog of more important cases". I suspect a cut back in all counter subversive work by Justice since "Whizzer" White took over that Dept. (for Bobby)

Will fill you in on the low-down later of what happened at Indianapolis NEC, Expect the Worst, ~~xxxxx~~

Sincerely,



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY
MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: September 27, 1949

On May 5, 1949

[redacted] of the Hummelstown American Legion Post, advised he received the following information from [redacted] Marysville, Pa.:

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An individual known as Captain BUNDY recently appeared in Marysville and vicinity where he made talks in various churches and schools on a subject termed by BUNDY as Social Gospel. His talks are based entirely on the way of life in Russia. BUNDY claimed to have been with Military Intelligence and is alleged to have stated he works very closely with that organization and the FBI. He recently made a talk in the Marysville High School and also in the Marysville Church of God where he is alleged to have stated that the organization of churches headed by Bishop STAMM of Harrisburg, Pa. is a subversive group and he is watching that organization in cooperation with the Military Intelligence and other government agencies.

[redacted] Marysville, Pa. was contacted and advised he heard none of the speeches by BUNDY and all his information was hearsay. He stated that EDGAR C. BUNDY is the grandson of the late Reverend LEONARD K. HARRIS, who was a minister in the Evangelical Churches in Rye Township, Pa. and that in the spring of 1949 BUNDY, who resides in Wheaton, Illinois, was enroute south and stopped in the vicinity of Marysville, Pa. As he was a minister and his grandfather had been well known in the vicinity of Marysville, Pa., BUNDY was granted permission to speak in the schools and churches.

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[redacted] as mentioned above, did not hear any of BUNDY's speeches but advised that Reverend [redacted]

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[redacted] Marysville, Pa. heard BUNDY speak and could furnish first hand information concerning the text of his talks.

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Reverend [] was contacted and advised BUNDY appeared in Marysville, Pa. in the spring of 1949 and claimed to be a licensed minister in the Southern Baptist Church and the grandson of the late Reverend HARRIS of Rye Township, Pennsylvania. He apparently did not represent any organization, but was a "freelance" preacher, one without any permanent parsonage. He was allowed the privilege of speaking in the school and churches of Marysville, Pa. and vicinity. BUNDY's talk in the Marysville School centered around world events, mainly his experiences while an Intelligence Officer in the U. S. Air Corps. He was a very interesting and adept speaker and while outwardly represented himself as opposed to Communism and agreeing with American policies, he nevertheless left the impression he was sympathetic toward Communism. He professed interest in spiritual building of religion, but in fact caused a furor amongst the church members by making statements, such as telling the people if the church is not doing what they want that they should get out of the church. BUNDY also spoke on what he termed "Social Gospel," stating that the preachers who engaged in social activities and were members of organizations such as the Lions, etc. did not preach true religion but were interested in social activities, and, therefore, they preached "Social Gospel" and not religion.

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BUNDY is apparently associated with the American Council of Churches, which according to Reverend [] is a group of freelance churches of no organized denominations. He spoke disparagingly of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and of Bishop STAMM of the Evangelical United Bretheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa., a member of the Federal Council, indicating that the Federal Council was Communist infiltrated.

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Reverend []
[] Marysville, [] advised he heard BUNDY speak about eleven times. His talks were all in the same vein, telling of his experiences during the war and touching on general world affairs. During his talks, he usually managed to attack the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and he evidently was a supporter

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of the American Council of Churches. However, Reverend [redacted] did not know if BUNDY was a member of that Council. During his talks, BUNDY denounced Communism and attempted to point out that Communism was entering into the church and claiming Communism had entered the Federal Council of Churches. BUNDY was a smooth effective speaker, convincing and interesting, and stressed his point by his interpretation of passages from the Bible. In none of his speeches did BUNDY indicate that he favored Communism.

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Inasmuch as BUNDY resides at Wheaton, Illinois and was merely passing through the vicinity of Marysville, Pa. at the time the above took place, this information is being furnished the Chicago Office for informative purpose only.

ENCLOSURES TO CHICAGO:

1. Newspaper clipping containing photo and article concerning BUNDY.
2. Pamphlet entitled "What Is Wrong With the Federal Council?"
3. Pamphlet entitled "Russia's Most Effective Fifth Column in America."

The above enclosures were furnished by [redacted] and the two pamphlets were distributed after one of BUNDY's talks in the Marysville Church.

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Hits Communists as 'Termites'

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American Communists are similar to wood termites—they bore from within—Edgar C. Bundy, former Air Force intelligence captain in Alaska and China, told members of the Rotary Club of Chicago at the La Salle Hotel today.

Speaking on "Socialistic Wolves in Sheep's Clothing," Bundy said:

"There are termites at work in this nation—boring silently from within."

He charged that school text books now used in various sections of the country are shot through with praise for foreign ideologies and declared that even religious leaders are praising the concepts of Communism under the guise of Christianity.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago
FROM : SAC, Omaha
SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDE, aka, Edgar C. Bunde
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: January 16, 1952

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By letter dated November 29, 1951 the 13th District Office of Special Investigation, U. S. Air Force, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska, furnished information received from CIC, Omaha, Nebraska, to the effect that EDGAR C. BUNDE of 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, delivered an address at the Martin Hotel in Sioux City, Iowa, on October 29, 1951, entitled "Russia's Fifth Column." BUNDE represented himself as a former USAF Intelligence Officer.

In his address "he predicted the subjugation of the proletarian peoples of the world through the leaders of the churches. BUNDE explained that such a conquest is now in motion and that the 'crooked, socialistic theologians' who are leaders in the American churches are being utilized as a tool of this conquest. In this portion of his speech, he attacked the National Council of Churches of America and their predecessor, the National Federation of Churches, as being the sponsors of the teachers of socialism in the American church. He mentioned Dean ACHESON as being in sympathy with this movement by quoting a newspaper notice of his acceptance of an invitation to speak at a conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, in February 1951. His reference to Bishop G. BROMLEY OXNAM as being one of the contemporary writers and advocates of socialism, brought rebuttal statements from several ministers in the audience during the discussion period following." Captain BUNDE advocated the above.

"His discussion period following his address was high-lighted by his statement to the effect that the recent address by Dr. SOCKMAN before an association of Iowa educators in Atlantic, Iowa, was Communist-inspired. He asserted that although J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, had issued a public statement clearing SOCKMAN of charges of being a Socialist, HOOVER had apparently neglected to conduct a thorough investigation and should not issue such statements from his office. At this instance, BUNDE asserted that he had supplied the FBI with information on several people and was a personal friend of HOOVER."

This letter continues that one [redacted] a representative of the Winchager Corporation in Sioux City, Iowa, had arranged for BUNDE's address in Sioux City, Iowa. [redacted] recently came to Sioux City from Chicago and has been accused by several of the residents of Sioux City as being pro-Communist.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago

FROM : Director, FBI (62-94934)

SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY
Information Concerning

DATE: June 25, 1953

For your information Edgar C. Bundy, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, by a note dated June 9, 1953, forwarded to the Bureau a copy of his speech given before the Illinois Legislature Hearings concerning the Broyles Anti-Subversive Bills.

Bufiles disclose that Bundy is the subject of a closed Impersonation Act case. Numerous inquiries have been received by the Bureau concerning Bundy and many of these inquiries indicated that he may have represented himself as a former Bureau employee and as an intelligence agent of the Department of the Air Force. However, inquiries made by the Bureau fail to disclose that Bundy ever actually represented himself as a former Bureau employee. Department of the Air Force records disclosed that Bundy is a member of their reserve.

The files further disclose that Bundy is a lecturer who tours the country giving lectures concerning Communism before church and patriotic groups.

Acknowledgement is not being made to Bundy's note nor is any action necessary for your office.

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How Legion's Enemy Of UNESCO Wins Midwest Isolationists To Cause

By Melvin Wax

Edgar C. Bundy has a loud, baritone voice and its range is increasing.

It was heard throughout the nation at the Miami convention of the American Legion last week.

The Wheaton man, a one-time radio singer, evangelist-minister and former captain in the U.S. Air Force intelligence service, is now permanent secretary of the Legion's important joint foreign relations and Americanism committees.

UNESCO Condemned
His resolution condemning the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was accepted largely as he wrote it. Only the first two pages were "toned down" by Rogers K. Kelly, a state senator from Texas.

Bundy was in the forefront of the drive to stop the Illinois Legion's support of the Girl Scouts at the state group's 1954 convention in Chicago last week.

He helped push through a resolution condemning the Girl Scout handbook as un-American. The move was subsequently repudiated by Elmer Breakstone, who became state commander.

An intense, dark-haired 39-year-old son of an Army major general, Bundy has been singing one tune most of his adult life.

His pitch is extreme nationalism, and the song is the same whether the refrain deals with the Communist menace, the Protestant church or the Republican Party.

Seeks GOP Control

Bundy is head of the Abraham Lincoln National Republican Club, successor to the Abraham Lincoln Club, founded in 1945 by Charles U. Gordon, Chicago postmaster during the William McKinley administration.

Aim of this isolationist organization is "to wrest control of the Republican Party from the New Dealers and internationalists." Its headquarters are at 82 W. Washington.

The club, which has no official tie with the Republican Party, is not a third party movement, Bundy says. It is reported to have 1,200 members in 25 states and it seeks \$1,000,000 to help gain control of the GOP at the San Francisco convention next year.

Rallies Right Wing

It serves as a rallying point for the right wing. With five like-minded groups, the Committee of One Thousand Re-



EDGAR C. BUNDY

publicans, the Downtown Freedom Club, the North Shore Freedom Club, Students for America, and the DuPage County Patriotic Club, it staged a highly touted seminar celebrating Lincoln's birthday in the Morrison Hotel last February.

Speakers included Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), Bundy's idol, Dr. Bracken Lee, the right-wing Republican governor of Utah, and Illinois Sen. Everett McDirksen, some 2,500 persons attended.

In addition to fighting the Republican Party's national leadership, Bundy has long been at war with Protestant clergymen, particularly those affiliated with the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Calls Ministers Reds

He made himself heard at the Ohio Pastors Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in the winter of 1950 when he set up a rump convention at a nearby high school. He told his audience that ministers at the Pastors Convention were "Reds and Red sympathizers."

In July, 1952, Bundy was in Colorado Springs, Colo., billed as an authority on the Far East and China, but still chanting the same tune.

During a weeklong series of lectures at the Emmanuel Bible Church, he attacked the National Council of Churches as an organization of "died-in-the-wool Reds." He said they were advocates of a modernistic theology that "teaches there must be intermarriage of all races and colors."

Air Force Service

Bundy became acquainted with the Far East and China while serving as an intelligence officer with the 14th Air Force in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II. He spent part of his tour of duty investigating fellow officers.

On his return to the United States in 1946, he charged "the hangover, not the bullet, was the most grisly hazard of most American officers." He said the war in China "featured high commanders who braved ulcers in a constant round of 25 and 30-course dinners of delicacies denied by rationing to the people at home."

Bundy also attacked the Chiang Kaishek regime, claiming that its leaders ignored the wants of their people and lived off the fat of the land. He seldom attacks Chiang now. He has said Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.), a staunch supporter of the Chinese leader, is one of the men he hopes will join the Abraham Lincoln Na-

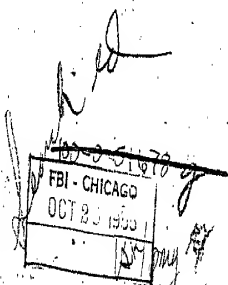
tional Republican Club in taking over the Republican Party. His admiration for McCarthy is unabated. Once he was quoted as saying he thought McCarthy "the greatest man alive." At the 1954 Illinois Legion convention, he wore the motto on his necktie: "I like McCarthy and I like his methods." It was at this convention, also, that Bundy claims he engineered the resolution calling the Girl Scout handbook subversive.

He believes "the whole Republican electorate of America, with the exception of a few smart operators on the eastern seaboard in the Dewey-Dulles Eisenhower crowd, is crying for conservative pro-American leadership." Bundy intends to give it to them.

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212 West Monroe Street
Chicago 6, Illinois
November 20, 1956

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Mr. Robert H. Robinson
District Director
Immigration and Naturalization Service
New Post Office Building
Chicago, Illinois

Attention: A. G. Abrahamsen, Acting Chief
Investigations Branch

Re: EDGAR C. BUNDY
(INS # A10 416 683)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your October 25, 1956 letter of inquiry concerning Edgar C. Bundy.

Captioned individual has not been the subject of an investigation conducted by the Chicago Division of the FBI and the files of this office contain no pertinent information identifiable with him. Our files do indicate that perhaps OSI has information pertaining to BUNDY. It is suggested that your headquarters contact the OSI Headquarters for pertinent information concerning Edgar C. Bundy.

Any investigation conducted by your service in connection with the above named individual will in no way conflict with any investigation contemplated by the Chicago Division of the FBI at this time.

This is not a recommendation or finding as to clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved.

PROPERTY OF FBI: This letter is loaned to you by the FBI and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside your agency.

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Very truly yours,

D. S. HOSTETTER
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Mr. [REDACTED]
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Washington, D. C.

Dear [REDACTED]

This is just to notify F.B.I. headquarters that we are taking out a subscription for The Worker, 23 West 26th Street, New York 3, N. Y., in order to follow their current line in regard to churches and religion in general.

I am also sending notification of this to the Chicago Office of the F.B.I. so that they will know why we are receiving it through the mails.

How goes it with you and Deke?

I was just sent a copy of the publication of the Communist Party of Minnesota, entitled "For Peace, Jobs, Civil Rights, and Security". I notice on page two of this publication at the bottom where they are soliciting subscriptions to The Worker, that checks are supposed to be made payable to "Robert W. Dunn". I wonder if the Bureau knows that this Robert W. Dunn is mentioned in the House Committee on Un-American Activities Hearings entitled, "Investigation of Communist Activities In The New York City Area-Part 6," page 2079, and is identified by Benjamin Gitlow as the "key figure for the Communist Party of the religious field". He is also mentioned on pages 2097, 2104, and 2106, also 2132.

It is interesting to note that he is now connected with The Worker.

Sincerest regards, CHICAGO

Edgar C. Suncy
General Chairman

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cc: National Lawyers
Council Church League
America 1407
Hill Ave, Wheaton, Ill

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<i>Capt. Edgar Bundy</i>			
<i>100-18699-73</i>		<i>1407 Hill Ave.</i>	
<i>100-125-8335</i>		<i>Wheaton Ill.</i>	
<i>100-0-51678</i>		<i>Baptist Minister</i>	
<i>65-645-3769 p2</i>			
<i>Edgar C. Bundy</i>			
<i>105-0-4249</i>		<i>12-56</i>	
<i>100-0-51678a</i>			
<i>47-0-1867</i>			
<i>140-0-587a p1</i>		<i>1407 Hill Ave.</i>	
<i>138-0-53 p1</i>		<i>Wheaton, Ill.</i>	
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 3/9/59

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (62-0)

SUBJECT: MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/5/59, [redacted] Riley-Smith Realty Co., telephone GR 9-7471, Mobile, Ala., telephonically advised the Mobile Office he is member of Midtown Optimist Club, Mobile. He said Major BUNDY had made a talk at the Optimist Club that week at which time he indicated he was in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, having served with the Intelligence Service. He said BUNDY indicated he is now on some investigative research committee and named this outfit as the Church League of America, Wheaton, Ill.

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[redacted] stated that BUNDY's talk was highly critical of ministers in general and that he named Dr. CARL ADKINS, Pastor of the Dauphin Way Methodist Church, in Mobile; Bishop OXNAM and other high ranking Methodist ministers were allegedly named by BUNDY as being closely affiliated with Communist activities.

On 3/6/59, [redacted] Baldwin Appliance Co., Dauphin St., telephonically advised SA [redacted] similarly. He stated that in his opinion Major BUNDY is a phony and is smearing various ministers unjustly. He said BUNDY referred to "talks with J. EDGAR HOOVER" concerning various matters.

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Indices Mobile Office negative concerning Major BUNDY or Church League of America. Above furnished for your information.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36062)

DATE: August 4, 1959

FROM : SA (A) [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

On July 24, 1959, Special Agent [REDACTED] O'Hare International Airport, Park Ridge, Illinois, advised the writer that WILLIAM J. BAUER, States Attorney, DeKalb County, Court House Square, Wheaton, Illinois, is particularly agitated by the subject and has access to a complete file on the subject's activities. The subject makes numerous speeches and according to BAUER claims to be a U.S.A.F. Reserve Intelligence Officer and uses this position to make speech dates and to give his talks more authority. *See Bulet*

BAUER informed the subject is connected with the American Legion, the DuPage Patriot (extreme rightist group), Abraham Lincoln Republic Club (an organization not to pay income taxes) and the American Christian Layman's Magazine.

SA [REDACTED] advised the subject was at one time an officer in either the USA or USAF and could now be in the reserves. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Illinois, and Judge GUILD (PH) DuPage County are the people who can furnish more information on the subject.

[REDACTED] requested that the identity of [REDACTED] himself be held in the strictest confidence as the source of this information and was furnishing this information to the FBI in view of the fact subject may be violating the impersonation statute.

Bulet dated June 25, 1953, serial six of this file indicates bureau is aware of subject's claim to be a reserve officer.

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140-0-587 a P1		Pres. of Abraham Lincoln Ch.	
138-0-5391		Office at	
100-21957-19	Consolidated	82. W. Washington	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Some members of our PTA group (Ludwig-Reed, Unit 22) have suggested that we have as one of our speakers for next year a Major Edgar C. Bundy. I believe there is some opposition to him because he has written some critical articles about the Parent Teachers Association. I understand he was formerly with the FBI. Have you any information which you can furnish me concerning him. It is necessary that I have this information soon as our program for next year is being planned now and I must make a decision concerning this.

Thanking you in advance for consideration given this inquiry.

/s/

[REDACTED]
Lemont, Illinois

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[Signature]

April 11, 1960

[Redacted]

Lemont, Illinois

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]:

Your letter postmarked April 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I can advise you, however, that Mr. Edgar C. Bundy has no connection with this Bureau and has never been an employee of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Chicago (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, CHICAGO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE TO CHICAGO. CONTINUED

Edgar C. Bundy has been the subject of an impersonation case. He is a lecturer who tours the country speaking on communism, primarily before church and patriotic groups. During most of his lectures, he criticizes certain church organizations alleging they are dominated by communists. Inquiries have been received in the past concerning him which indicate that Bundy may have represented himself as a former Bureau employee; however, these allegations have not been substantiated.

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[REDACTED]
Elmhurst, Illinois
May 19, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am planning programs for a local PTA group for the 1960-61 season. In considering ideas to be pursued and speakers of interest, my attention was brought to a Major in Air Force Intelligence who lives in a city nearby. He has made claims of communist infiltration into the Parent-Teacher Association. I have read the pamphlet which he has written on the subject. It is published by the National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America.

His main points of condemnation seem to be that the official PTA magazine influences its readers by what it does not discuss - namely, the unwholesome influence of communism. Also, he feels that the national PTA organization is the dupe (willingly or unwillingly, the reader is not sure) of the National Education Association. And a strong implication is made that the NEA is communistic.

As a result of this pamphlet, I feel strong doubts. I wonder if we parents with our personal problems of earning a living and bringing up children are too busy to see that there might be validity in this man's claim. And are we assuming that because the PTA objectives are so altruistic, surely nothing could be amiss.

So I reach the point of my letter. Can you tell me whether or not this man's claims are legitimate. If they are, then these are things that parents should know. If not, I don't want to alarm them unnecessarily. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

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May 26, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]

Elmhurst, Illinois

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter dated May 19, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Chicago (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, CHICAGO

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NOTE TO CHICAGO, CONTINUED

The individual referred to by the correspondent as a major in Air Force intelligence is undoubtedly identical with Edgar C. Bundy who is the general chairman of the Church League of America and claims to have formerly been a major in Air Force intelligence. He is also a former Baptist minister who does much lecturing around the country on communism. We have received inquiries concerning allegations that Bundy may have represented himself to be a former Bureau employee in some of his lectures. He has been the subject of a closed impersonation case which did not substantiate the alleged impersonations.

We do not have a current investigation regarding over-all Communist Party attempted infiltration into the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA); however, semiannual letters concerning this matter are received from all offices. Although there are some communists in PTAs, there is no indication of communist control or domination of the PTA groups.

The National Education Association is a reputable organization representing in excess of 700,000 members with the purpose of advancing interests of the teaching profession and promoting the cause of education in the United States. The Bureau has had cordial relations with this organization for many years.

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108 N. STATE ST.
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November 22, 1960

For some time, Mr. Hoover,

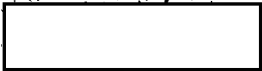
we have been hearing conflicting reports on Mr. Edgar Bundy of Wheaton. Mr. Bundy associates himself with a Baptist religious group dedicated to the principle of educating the American public to the evils of international communism.

I recently contacted Mr. Bundy as a member of the Navy League of the United States to determine whether he would support a local Wheaton area program based on the Navy League "Project Alert" concept. Essentially, this amounts to a community wide effort to educate citizens to the threat of world communism. The initial such program was conducted in Lubbock, Texas, in 1959. Allen Dulles was the principal speaker. It was quite a success.

Our program is still in the planning stages. Committees have yet to be assigned or formal organization has yet to be completed. However, we are endeavoring to sell all the key organizations in Wheaton to support it.

We are thinking of asking Mr. Bundy to take an active role in this program if and when it gets under way. However, with so much controversy existing we are wondering if you can give us any indication of his integrity. He uses your name frequently as a source of facts in his talks and it sounds very much like he has a personal association with you.

Any light you can shed on this subject will be most appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention.


Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, D. C.

cc: Mr. James Gale

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November 30, 1960

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EDGAR C. BUNDY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH

Mr. EDGAR C. BUNDY of the Church League of America, with residence at Wheaton, Illinois, recently furnished certain literature which he and his staff have accumulated, including the following, which are being submitted to the Bureau, attention Central Research, for information purposes:

1. Issues of "News and Views", beginning with Volume 20, #1, January, 1957, through December, 1960. (Monthly publication).
2. An "Index for News and Views Listing Individuals, Organizations, and Publications" for the years January, 1957 through December, 1959.
3. Pamphlet entitled "What is the Church League of America?"
4. Pamphlet entitled "The Crusade Against Government Investigating Agencies" described therein as issued by the Institute for Special Research, Pasadena, California.

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5. A pamphlet entitled "The Communists Are After Your Church!" by HERBERT A. PHILBRICK, described therein as a reprint of Mr. PHILBRICK's article in "The Christian Herald".
6. Mimeographed material "The Relation of the Local Councils of Churches to the National and World Councils and the Ecumenical Movement."
7. Mimeographed material described thereon as prepared by the Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, entitled "United Church Women".
8. A reprint entitled "Communism in the Churches" by J. B. MATTHEWS.
9. A reprint of the "New York Herald-Tribune" article of June 7, 1960 entitled "Anti Soviet Group Loses Church Plea" which relates to the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, and the Supreme Court decision relating thereto handed down on June 6, 1960.
10. Opinion of the Court of Appeals for the State of New York in the case entitled "Saint Nicholas Cathedral of the Russian Orthodox Church of North America vs. Vassil A. Kreshik, Dean of Saint Nicholas Cathedral."
11. A book entitled "Collectivism in the Churches" by EDGAR C. BUNDY, published by the Church League of America.
12. A book entitled "Brain Washing in the High Schools" (An Examination of Eleven American History Textbooks), by E. MERRILL ROOT, described therein as a resident of Connecticut and a Professor at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, described as a Quaker College. This book is published by Devin-Adair Company, New York.

All of the above items are being forwarded to the Bureau by separate package for information purposes.



NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

Church League of America

1407 HILL AVENUE, WHEATON, ILLINOIS

PHONE: MOntrose 8-3630

GENERAL CHAIRMAN
Edgar C. Bundy

21 November 1960

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J. P. Wetherby
Vice-Chairman

[Redacted]
F. B. I.
536 S. Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Under separate cover today we are sending to you material which will show the type of work the Church League of America is doing.

We would like to place the correct person in the Chicago office of the F.B.I. on our mailing list to receive our documentation regularly with our compliments.

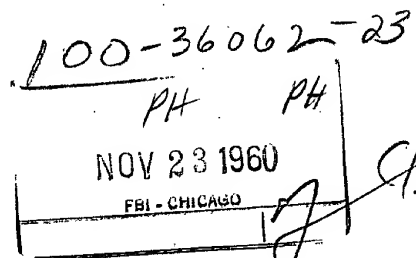
Please advise how we should make out the addressograph plate if the person is other than yourself.

It was nice talking with you via telephone today. I would like to reiterate my invitation to the effect that our files are available at any time to any of the agents of the F.B.I.

Very sincerely yours,

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Edgar C. Bundy
General Chairman



December 6, 1960

Mr. [REDACTED]
Wheaton, Illinois

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Your letter dated November 22, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I would like to advise you, however, Mr. Edgar C. Bundy has had no connection with this Bureau and I have had no personal association with him.

I am enclosing some literature on the topic of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION SAC CHICAGO:

Reference is made to a letter to the Director dated 11-22-60 from Mr. [REDACTED] Wheaton, Illinois, a copy of which was designated for your office. The Director's reply to this letter is being furnished for your information.

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Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Bureau files reveal that Edgar C. Bundy has been the subject of an impersonation case by the Bureau; however, this case was not established. He is a lecturer who tours the country speaking on communism, primarily before church and patriotic groups. During most of his lectures he criticizes certain church organizations, alleging they are dominated by communists. (47-39432)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

"Communist Target - Youth"

"Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"

Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin,"

March, 1960 with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA."

"America - Freedom's Champion"

"One Nation's Response to Communism"

"What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."



NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL
Church League of America

1407 HILL AVENUE, WHEATON, ILLINOIS

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7 December 1960

Mr. James H. Gale
Special Agent in Charge
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
536 South Clark Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. Gale:

Thank you for your letter of November 30, 1960.

The material which you forwarded to Washington is being received by Washington regularly, as both [redacted] and Deke De Loach have been on our mailing list for a number of years. We were sending this material just for the Chicago office information.

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Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy *gmc*

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Edgar C. Bundy
General Chairman

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536 South Clark Street
Chicago 5, Illinois
November 30, 1960

Mr. Edgar C. Bundy
Church League of America
1407 Hill Avenue
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bundy:

I am in receipt of your communication containing materials published by the Church League of America and yourself.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding these materials to Washington which is our central repository for all such items.

Your thought in furnishing these items to the Bureau is greatly appreciated. In reply to your inquiry as to how letters and other matters should be addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, please be advised that all such inquiries should be directed to me as Special Agent in Charge.

Very truly yours,


James H. Gale
Special Agent in Charge

Mr. BUNDY furnished numerous pieces of printed matter, including two books, published by the Church league of America. These items have been forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover and under the above Chicago file number (Bufile 62-94934).

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National Laymen's Council
Church League of America
1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois

14 March 1961

CIRCUIT RIDERS, INC.,
110 Government Place
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

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Dear [redacted]

Reference your letter of March 11, 1961, I am afraid that Dr. J. B. Matthews, nor none of the other people, including Gordon Scherer of the House Un-American Activities Committee, who have been exposing the infiltration of the field of religion for many years, would agree with you and your analysis of the remarks of Mr. Sullivan.

It so happens that I received a complete copy of Mr. Sullivan's speech right after he made it. His final statements are shocking to say the least.

That J. Edgar Hoover would put an approval on a man like this to go over the country and make the ignorant statements he has been making is beyond belief.

The opinion has been unanimous on the part of everyone I have contacted, with the exception of yourself.

You cannot explain away Mr. Sullivan's final statements in which he said that:

"Many and varied charges have been made concerning the extent and success of communist penetration of and influence among America's religious leaders and institutions. The allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence. However, this is a patent falsehood.

"The truth of the matter is that the Communist Party, U.S.A. has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

This man's statement is a patent falsehood in itself. He is trying to negate the sworn testimony given by a host of witnesses before the House Committee, in which they have shown that the penetration has been "alarming" to say the least.

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The very fact that the National Council of Churches has been making vicious attacks against the House Un-American Activities Committee and its investigations, and sending low-down, lying materials out to its ministers all over the country, who are mounting their pulpits and attacking the House Committee, loyalty oaths, our security measures, etc., is proof enough that the commies and their freinds have exerted tremendous "influence" over clergymen "on a national scale."

This is not the first time that Mr. Sullivan has opened his mouth and put his foot in it. He did the same thing in St. Petersburg and the Women's National Republican Club so mad that some of them contacted Gordon Scherer and asked him: "What goes with this man from the F. B. I.? Whose side is he on?"

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Ed

Edgar C. Bundy
General Chairman

DIRECTOR, FBI

March 31, 1961

(ATTENTION: Chief Inspector WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN)

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EDGAR C. BUNDY;
COMMUNISM SEMINARS

BACKGROUND:

BUNDY is the General Chairman of the National Laymen's Council, Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois. He prides himself on being a Communist fighter.

[redacted] of Circuit Riders, Inc., a Methodist lay organization devoted to exposing Communist infiltration among clergymen of various faiths.

I believe [redacted] to be a sincere individual with regard to his desire to have friendly relations with FBI. He certainly respects FBI. Naturally, we furnish no information to [redacted] but will accept whatever he wishes to offer.

There is attached a copy of a letter from EDGAR C. BUNDY which is defamatory concerning Chief Inspector W. C. SULLIVAN. It refers to remarks made by Mr. SULLIVAN in connection with his talk before clergymen in Southern Ohio, February 22.

[redacted] EVALUATION of BUNDY:

[redacted] states that BUNDY's primary concerns are, in the order listed :

1. Raising funds
2. Elevating BUNDY
3. Welfare of the United States

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[] describes BUNDY as an individual who would stand on the nose of a prostrate relative in order to elevate his own height one-sixteenth of an inch.

[] distrusts BUNDY, has no close association with him, avoids his presence whenever possible.

[] speculates that BUNDY is the type of person who might well have already made several copies of the BUNDY letter to [] and distributed those copies among persons known to him.

[] requests that his action in turning over the BUNDY letter of March 14 be treated confidentially.

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC

DATE: August 3, 1961

FROM : CLERK [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY;
CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 3, 1961, MR [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office. He advised that [REDACTED] Chairman of the Church LEAGUE OF AMERICA, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois. He stated that [REDACTED] he does not go along with the current policies of this organization.

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MR [REDACTED] advised that BUNDY who is the Chairman of the CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA has been conducting lectures in which he shows the movie OPERATION ABOLITION as part of the program. He said that at the conclusion of each showing he makes an announcement to the effect that a pamphlet entitled COMMUNIST TARGET YOUTH can be purchased for a price of 25 cents per copy. He, BUNDY, then explains the background of this pamphlet and its contents. [REDACTED] stated that he does not know how many of these pamphlets has been sold up to this time.

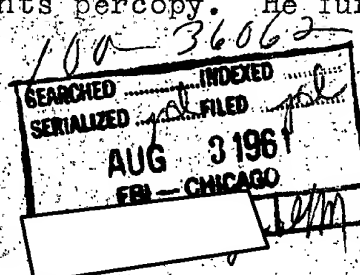
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[REDACTED] said that BUNDY obtained 5000 of these pamphlets from the Headquarters of the FBI in Washington at no cost to either him or the CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA. He stated that the money he collects from the sale of these pamphlets is placed in the treasury of the CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

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[REDACTED] stated that he had become quite concerned over the legality involved in the sale of these pamphlets. He stated that he doesn't believe that if these pamphlets were sent to BUNDY without charge, that they were meant to be sold. As a follow up to this belief, he wrote to Mr CARPER W. BUCKLEY, Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, DC and asked if the pamphlets could be legally sold by a private organization. In a letter dated August 1, Mr BUCKLEY advised that their charge for this pamphlet is fifteen cents per copy. He further

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stated that he did not believe that these pamphlets could be resold for more than this price. And that if this was done, a Federal law could be violated. [redacted] advised that he did not make any additional statement with reference to the resale of the pamphlet.

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The complainant advised that he felt that this information should be given to the FBI for whatever action might be deemed necessary. He said that he would be very willing to cooperate with this office if additional information was necessary.

A search of the indices under the name [redacted] revealed the following references which are probably identical with the [redacted] mentioned in this memo.

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The following references were located under the organization, CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA:

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A file, 100-36062, was located under the name EDGAR C. BUNDY.

It is recommended that this memorandum be placed in 100-36062 and that the Bureau be advised of its contents.

DIRECTOR, FBI

August 5, 1961

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN

EDGAR C. BUNDY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Remy telephone call to Assistant Director WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN 8/4/61 concerning information furnished by [redacted] Chicago, regarding sale of pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" by EDGAR C. BUNDY for 25¢.

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The Bureau is in possession of information concerning EDGAR C. BUNDY.

On August 5, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed at his residence by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] Chairman of the Church League of America (CLA), 1407 Hill, Wheaton, Illinois. EDGAR BUNDY is Chairman of the CLA. In effect, BUNDY is the CLA. All statements made by the CLA are made by him. He never consults the Board of Directors and the entire operation is controlled solely by him. The main purpose of the CLA is to point out that the National Council of Churches is completely infiltrated and controlled by the Communist Party (CP). Anyone who disagrees with this fact is criticized by BUNDY, including the Director and Assistant Director SULLIVAN.

[redacted] is extremely anti-Communist, and has communicated with the Bureau on various occasions. He exhibited a letter dated April 6, 1961, from the Director which advised him that the Bureau has made no recommendations concerning the film "Operation Abolition".

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[redacted] stated that he has attended approximately 250 meetings of Communist front organizations and has testified at sessions of the Illinois legislature concerning anti-Communist legislation. [redacted] stated that he attempted to attend a

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meeting sponsored by the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist Youth Organization on December 30 and 31, 1960. It is noted that [] was observed by Agents of this Office being evicted from this meeting by Chicago Police Officers and addressing television cameras concerning his impressions of the meeting.

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Sale of Pamphlet Entitled "Communist Target-Youth" Published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA)

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[] advised that EDGAR BUNDY received 5,000 copies of this pamphlet at no cost from a friend of his at the U.S. Department of Justice. He has sold approximately 4,500 of them. BUNDY and [] give numerous speeches throughout the Chicago area, at which time they show the film "Operation Abolition" and announce that the pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" can be purchased for 25¢. These pamphlets were received by BUNDY in April, 1961. [] has given approximately 20 speeches and BUNDY approximately 200. BUNDY's speeches are not limited to Chicago but have been given throughout the United States, mainly in the southern states.

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[] became concerned about the sale of these pamphlets and contacted the Superintendent of Documents, Building 2, Room 601, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., asking if it is illegal for a private person or organization to sell the pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" for 25¢ after receiving them free of charge from a government agency. He received a letter dated August 1, 1961, from CARPER W. BUCKLEY, Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Division of Public Documents.

This reply stated, "The only concern of this office with the matter in question is the regulation of this office which provides that those purchasing government publications for resale must, in reselling, adhere to the public sales price established by the Superintendent of Documents. The established sale price of "Communist Target-Youth" is 15¢ a copy and I could not authorize its resale at any higher price. It should certainly be obvious that, if one receives official copies free of charge from a government agency and attempted to sell them at any price, he might well be subject to serious consequences although the Superintendent of Documents has no jurisdiction over any distribution other than the sale by this office."

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[redacted] could not recall specifically all of the names, addresses and dates of organizations and groups that he or BUNDY lectured to, but that this information was available to him at the office of the CIA and that he would attempt to obtain this information on August 7, 1961, and would furnish it to this office.

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The pamphlets were sold in two ways, either at the lectures or by mail. The CIA has prepared a kit of various anti-Communist documents which it sells for \$1.75. The pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" is included in this kit. In addition, anyone desiring a copy of the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet can obtain it by writing to the CIA and it will be sold to him for 25¢. On occasion as many as ten or twenty of these pamphlets have been sent out by mail at the price of 25¢ each. BUNDY has a list of publications which he sells and which are sent out to all individuals on the mailing list of the CIA. This mailing list is comprised of approximately 5,000 names. It is believed by [redacted] that the pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" is included in this list of publications. [redacted] will attempt to obtain this list of publications on August 7, 1961, and furnish it to this office.

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The individuals responsible for the mailing of the pamphlets are: Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] Illinois, who works part-time for the CIA;

Mrs. [redacted] Illinois, address unknown; who has been employed by the CIA [redacted]

[redacted] EDGAR BUNDY;

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[redacted] (phonetic) who is employed as a [redacted] for the CIA.

[redacted] did not know the address of Mrs. [redacted] but stated he could get the addresses of these individuals on August 7, 1961, and would advise this office.

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In all instances when [redacted] spoke and sold the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet, it was sold for 25¢ per BUNDY's instructions, and it is believed when BUNDY sold this pamphlet it was sold for 25¢.

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BUNDY spoke and sold copies of the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet at a Lutheran church in Hinsdale, Illinois, address unknown. [redacted] was in attendance at this lecture and observed BUNDY selling them. In addition, the pastor of this church, name unknown, was also in attendance and could give the names of those individuals in attendance. [redacted] accompanied BUNDY to a polo and golf club in a west suburb of Chicago, name unknown, and again observed the sale of these pamphlets. Two individuals who assisted Mr. BUNDY at this lecture were a Mrs. [redacted] could furnish no additional information concerning Mrs. [redacted] or Mrs. [redacted] but advised that the polo and golf club would have information concerning Mrs. [redacted]
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BUNDY also spoke at the request of Mr. KEMPER of the Kemper Insurance Company at the Kemper Insurance Building. This lecture was for three days. It is not known if BUNDY sold the pamphlets at this lecture, but he did take copies of the pamphlet with him. [redacted] helped pack these pamphlets in a box for BUNDY. [redacted] did not attend these lectures.

In addition, BUNDY was on an extended tour in the southern United States and gave lectures in Tampa, Miami, Winter Garden and Orlando, Florida; Dallas, Texas; Memphis, Tennessee; and St. Charles, Louisiana. It is not known if BUNDY sold pamphlets at these lectures, but it is believed [redacted] that they were sold at the lecture at Orlando, Florida, inasmuch as BUNDY showed the film "Operation Abolition" at this lecture, and whenever he shows the film "Operation Abolition" he usually sells the pamphlets.

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BUNDY also spoke at a Catholic high school which is believed to be in Hinsdale, Illinois; however, it is not known whether or not pamphlets were sold at this meeting. BUNDY makes numerous speeches and the exact location and to whom these speeches are to be given are not generally known by BUNDY's associates at the CLA. However, [redacted] believed that there is a record of these lectures at the CLA office, and he will attempt to obtain the list of lectures given by BUNDY on August 7, 1961, and advise this office.

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[redacted] advised that he also has given lectures which include a showing of the film "Operation Abolition"

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and after the lecture he sells the pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" for 25¢. He sold this pamphlet at the expressed directive of Mr. BUNDY and BUNDY set the price at 25¢. All money derived from the sale of these pamphlets goes into the treasury of the CLA to be used for the ostensible purpose of fighting Communism.

[redacted] lectured at the Flick Reedy Corporation, 7015 North York, Bensenville, Illinois. [redacted] knew of the names of no individuals at this meeting; however, copies of the pamphlet were sold at this meeting. He also lectured at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lombard, Illinois, exact address unknown. This lecture was given on June 16, 1961, and a [redacted] who invited [redacted] and the pastor of the Church were present at this lecture and could furnish the names of individuals who purchased the pamphlet. [redacted] advised that he would attempt to get the exact address of the Sacred Heart Church.

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During March, 1961, ^L he spoke at the Balkan Sword Club (phonetic) on Irving Park Avenue in Chicago, which is a Catholic organization. Very few pamphlets were sold at this lecture and [redacted] could not furnish the name of any individual at this lecture.

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On May 17, 1961, [redacted] spoke at the VFW Post in Villa Park, Illinois, at which time he again showed the film "Operation Abolition" and sold the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet. He knew of no individuals in attendance at this lecture other than Miss [redacted] for the "Lombardian", a local Lombard publication, who covered this meeting.

On July 13, 1961, [redacted] spoke at the VFW Post, 830 North Lincoln, Aurora, Illinois. [redacted] was in charge of this meeting. [redacted] sold the pamphlet at this meeting.

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As mentioned above, [redacted] on August 7, 1961, will attempt to get additional information concerning individuals who could furnish information concerning the sale of the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet.

Other Information furnished by [redacted]

Comments by EDGAR C. BUNDY
Concerning the FBI, the Director,
and Other Officials of the FBI

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[redacted] furnished a copy of a letter from EDGAR C. BUNDY dated July 26, 1961, which was directed to Mr. CARL K. KRUEGER, Editor, "The Rotarian", 1600 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. In this letter BUNDY comments on an article appearing on page 18 of the August, 1961, "Rotarian" magazine by SIDNEY LENS. BUNDY identified Mr. LENS as "one of the outstanding left-wingers in the whole Chicago area... Mr. Lens has been identified with pro-communist projects over a period of years...he became secretary of the newly formed American Forum for Socialist Education, which was thoroughly exposed by United States government committees and by the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

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[redacted] also furnished a copy of a letter dated March 13, 1961, to [redacted] New York, New York, signed EDGAR C. BUNDY. This letter stated, "When we receive letters like this in the morning mail, it makes us wonder what is the use? Keep in mind that Hoover is a member of a denomination in the National Council of Churches, the United Presbyterian Church, and he is also a politician."

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[redacted] advised that he believed the letter referred to was a letter of the Director concerning remarks by Assistant Director SULLIVAN to the effect that although churches are still a target for Communist infiltration, the Communist Party has no control over these churches.

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[redacted] also furnished a copy of two pages of a letter directed to Mr. [redacted] Silver Spring, Maryland. Additional information concerning [redacted] will be set forth below. This letter states:

"There is a regular campaign on throughout the United States on the part of the National Council of Churches and the local churches affiliated with it to smear as furbusly as they can the anti-Communist... We are getting church bulletins sent in to us every day quoting Sullivan of the F.B.I. against the anti-communist groups who have maintained that the commies have

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had influence in religious groups. Now, they are also quoting J. Edgar Hoover, who in all of his latest letters, copies of which we have says, 'while infiltration of religious groups as well as other established institutions has been and will continue to be a prime target of the communists, fortunately, there has been no substantial penetration of religious institutions.'

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[redacted] never forget the fact that Hoover is a member of a denomination which is affiliated with the National Council of Churches, the United Presbyterian Church. I would like to bet that Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the stated clerk of this denomination, has been to see Hoover personally and has persuaded him to send Sullivan out over the country (as Louis Cassels, Religion Editor of United Press International says in his syndicated articles) to disparage the exposes of the anti-communists in regard to communist penetration of religious groups.

"Questions are being raised by hundreds of people all over this country with whom we have worked for many years. We have quoted Hoover's testimony, books, et cetera, to them on the subject of religion or communism in religion. However, when you come right down to it, Hoover has never named a single name of any church or individual. He has dealt in nothing but generalities and will not deal in specifics."

Information Furnished by [redacted]
Concerning [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is an employee of the United States Senate Committee. He could not furnish the identity of this Committee but stated that he was not an employee of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

[redacted] of the CIA. However, this is not publicly known. [redacted] and BUNDY correspond frequently. Mr. [redacted] has stated over the phone to BUNDY that the reason J. EDGAR HOOVER is revising his views on Communism, specifically in connection with his views on the National Council of Churches, is because Mr. HOOVER plans to retire in the near future.

[redacted] has told BUNDY that he was concerned over statements by Assistant Director SULLIVAN and the Director concerning the National Council of Churches and contacted Assistant Director CARTHA DE LOACH. [redacted] said "we got no cooperation from DeLoach as was expected".

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[] furnished a copy of a letter on stationery of the United States Senate to "Dear Ed" signed [] There was no date on this letter. The letter stated in part as follows: b6 b7C b7D

"I also have not received the compendium on Congressional ministers and [] and I naturally would like to have the bound set of News and Views.

"Would appreciate in the future as a courtesy getting copies of everything that the Church League puts out so that our files are up to date...

"Hoover under orders from Bobby is detaching 40 FBI men here from surveillance over suspected Soviet agents (security) to accounting and other duties 'in order to clean up a backlog of more important cases'. I suspect a cut back in all counter subversive work by Justice since 'Whizzer' White took over that Dept. (for Bobby)."

[] also furnished a copy of a letter on unmarked stationery which was unsigned but which [] said was sent by []. This letter was dated Silver Spring, Md. March 31, 1961. This letter was stamped confidential and captioned "Dear Ed". This letter concerned the John Birch Society and contained the writer's opinions of the John Birch Society. It states in part: b6 b7C b7D

"Now the other side. Welch as recently as the Sept. issue of American Opinion called Ngo Diem a Communist and 'corrupt'. Also that his family were Commies and that Ngo (a secret Communist was fooling the US that he was an anti is actually assassinating ten anti-Communists a day in South Viet Nam and more of the same) This is not funny but vicious. Luckily [] just got back here from Saigon. b6 b7C b7D

[] officer of top level, as smart as they make them, knows all the answers [] of Ngo. He laughed and said 'Bob Welch is nuts--he knows absolutely nothing about Viet Nam and got that story from De Berrier. De Berrier is an international adventurer and French who was kicked out of Viet Nam and is now trying to make a living in this country writing 'intelligence reports' and making speeches'."

This letter also contained the suggested form reply for the CIA queries concerning the John Birch Society.

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Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the Bureau obtain a Departmental opinion as to whether or not the sale of the pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" is a violation of a federal law.

2. If the Department of Justice rules it is a violation of a federal law, it is recommended that Bureau authority be granted to conduct interviews of individuals involved and to obtain additional evidence.

3. If no violation of federal law is involved it is recommended that authority be granted for two experienced agents to contact BUNDY and severely reprimand him and to advise him to cease and desist the sale of these pamphlets.

Two copies of this letter are being furnished the Washington Field Office in the event the Bureau desires investigation to ascertain if [] is divulging confidential information or violating any federal laws and also for the future information of WFO in the event they have any contacts with [].

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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ATTENTION: Assistant Director
WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN

EDGAR C. BUNDY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Remylet dated 8/5/61 captioned as above.

On August 7, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, advised that EDGAR C. BUNDY resides
at 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, and the headquar-
ters for the Church League of America are located in his
garage at that address. He stated that [redacted]
resides [redacted] Wheaton, Illinois, telephone
number [redacted] and that [redacted] resides at
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[redacted] were previously mentioned
in my referenced letter.

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On August 7, 1961, [redacted] furnished a
copy of a list of publications, which was issued by the
Church League of America. It is entitled "Special
Reports Distributed by the Church League of America.
Order From Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue -
Wheaton, Illinois. (Enclose Check or Money Order.
Do not send stamps. We do not use them. We have
automatic mailing machines)"

This list contains numerous publications and
their prices, which publications can be obtained from
the Church League of America. Included in this list of
publications are the following:

"Communist Target Youth" by J. EDGAR HOOVER,
price 25 cents.

"Air Force Manual" - Hearing for Secretary
of Air Force Revealing Reds in Churches
(Committee on Un-American Activities,
price 50 cents.

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"Communism", Hearings held by House Committee on Un-American Activities, list from Government Printing Office, price 10 cents.

"Menace of Communism", by J. EDGAR HOOVER, testimony before HCUA, price 25 cents.

[] advised that in the case of the "Air Force Manual" and "Menace of Communism" by J. EDGAR HOOVER, BUNDY did not sell the original pamphlet, but had reprints made of these pamphlets and offered them for sale. The pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" advertised for sale in this list was actually the pamphlet published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), which he received from the United States Department of Justice.

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All prices listed are current as of August, 1961, according to this list.

[] was not certain if the pamphlet "Communism", Hearings held by House Committee on Un-American Activities, list from Government Printing Office was a reprint or was actually the original pamphlet published by the HCUA. [] advised that he would attempt to obtain further information concerning this pamphlet and advise this office.

This list of publications is being maintained in the file of EDGAR C. BUNDY in the Chicago Office.

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Date: August 29, 1961

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To: SAC, Chicago (100-36062)

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In addition to the information set forth in relets the Bureau has come into possession of a copy of a mailing order list identifying special reports which can be ordered from the Church League of America. Included in this list in addition to "Communist Target - Youth" the following two pamphlets were also listed at the price of 25 cents per copy for each:

"Menace of Communism, by J. Edgar Hoover,
Testimony Before HCUA"

"God or Chaos (Reds in Churches) by J. Edgar Hoover"

You are instructed to have two mature and experienced agents contact Bundy and severely reprimand him for selling these pamphlets and advise him to cease and desist from such sales in the future. He should be sternly admonished that under no circumstances should the impression be given that his activities are in any way related to the operations of the FBI or that he has any connection with the FBI. During the contact with Bundy he should be queried as to the source of his supply of these pamphlets, particularly "Communist Target - Youth" which was referred to in your letter of 8/5/61.

This matter should be handled immediately and the Bureau promptly advised of the results thereof.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104576) (100-158864)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36062)(100-33219)
SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Bureau airtel dated 8/29/61.

On 9/1/61, EDGAR C. BUNDY, 1407 Mill Avenue,
Wheaton, Illinois, was contacted by SAs [redacted]
and [redacted] in compliance with referenced airtel.

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BUNDY was queried concerning his sale of the pamphlets listed in referenced airtel and the source of this material. BUNDY advised that through his organization he distributes various materials that are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office and other public sources. The pamphlet "Menace of Communism, by J. EDGAR HOOVER, Testimony before HCUA", was obtained from the Government Printing Office. BUNDY stated it was his impression this pamphlet is no longer in print, however he does have on hand a limited supply.

Regarding the pamphlet, "Communist Target - Youth", BUNDY obtained some from Congressman GORDON M. SCHERER of the Committee on Un-American Activities, and some from the Government Printing Office. BUNDY advised he did not have in his possession the number of pamphlets obtained from each of these sources.

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Regarding the pamphlet, "God or Chaos (Reds in Churches) by J. EDGAR HOOVER", BUNDY stated this was a reprint of an article appearing in "Redbook" Magazine and he obtained two mimeographed copies from Assistant Director DE LOACH. BUNDY stated he obtained permission from DE LOACH to reproduce this pamphlet for distribution.

At this time BUNDY was queried as to the price charged for these pamphlets and he stated that all pamphlets furnished to him free were distributed by him at no charge at meetings before which he appeared and to his subscribers. BUNDY further advised that any material obtained from the Government Printing Office was resold by him at the authorized retail printing office sale price. Regarding the first two pamphlets, BUNDY advised they were sold for fifteen cents each. BUNDY was then requested to produce a price list of periodicals available at which time such a list was produced. It was pointed out to BUNDY that this list reflected the sale price of these pamphlets to be twenty-five cents each. BUNDY professed to express surprise at this price listing stating this was the first time he had seen this list since he had been very busy traveling throughout the United States. BUNDY attempted to explain these listings as typographical errors. He explained that due to a limited budget he was forced to hire inexperienced help and the price list was definitely in error and would be corrected immediately.

Regarding "God or Chaos" BUNDY stated this price should also be listed as fifteen cents which he considers to be the cost of reproduction. BUNDY again claimed that any pamphlets obtained by him free of charge were never sold but distributed without cost.

It was pointed out to BUNDY that the sale of leaflets at the listed price must cease immediately and that any leaflets obtained free of charge could not be sold. At this time BUNDY was sternly admonished that under no circumstances should the impression be given that his activities are in any way related to the operations of the FBI or that he give the impression that he has any connection with the FBI.

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BUNDY stated he recognized the consequences of giving such a false impression, stating at all times he was careful not to relay such impression. BUNDY explained that on material obtained from the Government Printing Office or other Government source, his organization did not even stamp the material to show that it was being distributed by his organization.

BUNDY stated he greatly admired the FBI and Mr. HOOVER and often used quotations from the speeches, writings and testimony of Mr. HOOVER as the outstanding authority on Communism in the United States. At the conclusion of the interview, BUNDY was again admonished concerning the sale of the above listed pamphlets. BUNDY advised that under no circumstances did he desire to cause the FBI any embarrassment.

Enclosed herewith is "A Manual for Survival" published by the Church League of America, which the Bureau has previously requested. This pamphlet was furnished by Mr. BUNDY and he stated that the research for this pamphlet was done by [redacted] Also enclosed is a brochure concerning a new building to be erected by the Church League of America at a cost of approximately \$250,000. This brochure is sent out with enclosed letter requesting funds for this building.

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[redacted] Chicago, advised that EDGAR C. BUNDY resides at 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, and the headquarters for the Church League of America are located in his garage at that address. He stated that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Wheaton, Illinois, telephone [redacted] and that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Illinois, telephone number [redacted] were previously mentioned by [redacted]

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On August 7, 1961, [redacted] furnished a copy of a list of publications, which was issued by the Church League of America. It is entitled "Special Reports Distributed by the Church League of America. Order From Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue - Wheaton, Illinois. (Enclose Check or Money Order Do not send stamps. We do not use them. We have automatic mailing machines)"

This list contains numerous publications and their prices, which publications can be obtained from the Church League of America. Included in this list of publications are the following:

"Communist Target Youth" by J. EDGAR HOOVER, price 25 cents.

"Air Force Manual" - Hearing for Secretary of Air Force Revealing Reds in Churches (Committee on Un-American Activities), price 50 cents.

"Communism", Hearings held by House Committee on Un-American Activities, list from Government Printing Office, price 10 cents.

"Menace of Communism", by J. EDGAR HOOVER, testimony before HCUA, price 25 cents.

[redacted] advised that in the case of the "Air Force Manual" and "Menace of Communism" by J. EDGAR HOOVER, BUNDY did not sell the original pamphlet, but had reprints made of these pamphlets and offered them for sale. The pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" advertised for sale in this list was

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actually the pamphlet published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), which he received from the United States Department of Justice.

All prices listed are current as of August, 1961, according to this list

[redacted] was not certain if the pamphlet "Communism", Hearings held by House Committee on Un-American Activities, list from Government Printing Office was a reprint or was actually the original pamphlet published by the HCUA. [redacted] advised that he would attempt to obtain further information concerning this pamphlet and advise this office.

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On August 5, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois furnished the following information:

[redacted] Chairman of the Church League of America (CLA), 1407 Hill, Wheaton, Illinois. EDGAR BUNDY is Chairman of the CLA. In effect, BUNDY is the CLA. All statements made by the CLA are made by him. He never consults the Board of Directors and the entire operation is controlled solely by him. The main purpose of the CLA is to point out that the National Council of Churches is completely infiltrated and controlled by the Communist Party (CP). Anyone who disagrees with this fact is criticized by BUNDY, including the Director and Assistant Director SULLIVAN.

He is extremely anti-Communist.

[redacted] stated that he has attended approximately 250 meetings of Communist front organizations and has testified at sessions of the Illinois Legislature concerning anti-Communist legislation. [redacted] stated that he attempted to attend a meeting sponsored by the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist Youth Organization on December 30 and 31, 1960.

[redacted] advised that EDGAR BUNDY received 5,000 copies of this pamphlet at no cost from a friend of his at the U.S. Department of Justice. He has sold approximately 4,500 of them. BUNDY and [redacted] give numerous speeches throughout the Chicago area, at which time they show the film "Operation Abolition" and announce that the pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" can be purchased for 25¢. These pamphlets were received by BUNDY in April, 1961. [redacted] has given approximately 20 speeches and BUNDY approximately 200. BUNDY's speeches are not limited to Chicago but have been given throughout the United States, mainly in the southern states.

[redacted] became concerned about the sale of these pamphlets and contacted the Superintendent of Documents, Building 2, Room 601, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., asking if it is illegal for a private person or organization to sell the pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" for 25¢ after receiving them free of charge from a government agency. He

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received a letter dated August 1, 1961, from CARPER W. BUCKLEY, Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Division of Public Documents.

This reply stated, "The only concern of this office with the matter in question is the regulation of this office which provides that those purchasing government publications for resale must, in reselling, adhere to the public sales price established by the Superintendent of Documents. The established sale price of "Communist Target-Youth" is 15¢ a copy and I could not authorize its resale at any higher price. It should certainly be obvious that, if one receives official copies free of charge from a government agency and attempted to sell them at any price, he might well be subject to serious consequences although the Superintendent of Documents has no jurisdiction over any distribution other than the sale by this office."

[redacted] could not recall specifically all of the names, addresses and dates of organizations and groups that he or BUNDY lectured to, but that this information was available to him at the office of the CLA and that he would attempt to obtain this information on August 7, 1961, and would furnish it to this office.

The pamphlets were sold in two days, either at the lectures or by mail. The CLA has prepared a kit of various anti-Communist documents which it sells for \$1.75. The pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" is included in this kit. In addition, anyone desiring a copy of the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet can obtain it by writing to the CLA and it will be sold to him for 25¢. On occasion as many as ten or twenty of these pamphlets have been sent out by mail at the price of 25¢ each. BUNDY has a list of publications which he sells and which are sent out to all individuals on the mailing list of the CLA. This mailing list is comprised of approximately 5,000 names. It is believed by [redacted] that the pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" is included in this list of publications. [redacted] will attempt to obtain this list of publications on August 7, 1961, and furnish it to this office.

The individuals responsible for the mailing of the pamphlets are:

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Mrs. [redacted] Illinois, who works part-time for the CLA;

Mrs. [redacted] Illinois, address unknown, who has been employed by the CLA [redacted]

[redacted] EDGAR BUNDY;

[redacted] (phonetic) who is employed as a [redacted] for the CLA. [redacted]

[redacted] did not know the address of Mrs. [redacted] but stated he could get the addresses of these individuals on August 7, 1961, and would advise this office.

In all instances when [redacted] spoke and sold the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet, it was sold for 25¢ per BUNDY's instructions, and it is believed when BUNDY sold this pamphlet it was sold for 25¢.

BUNDY spoke and sold copies of the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet at a Lutheran Church in Hinsdale, Illinois, address unknown. [redacted] was in attendance at this lecture and observed BUNDY selling them. In addition, the pastor of this church, name unknown, was also in attendance and could give the names of those individuals in attendance. [redacted] accompanied BUNDY to a polo and golf club in a west suburb of Chicago, name unknown, and again observed the sale of these pamphlets. Two individuals who assisted Mr. BUNDY at this lecture were a Mrs. [redacted] could furnish no additional information concerning Mrs. [redacted] or Mrs. [redacted] but advised that the polo and golf club would have information concerning Mrs. [redacted]

BUNDY also spoke at the request of Mr. KEMPER of the Kemper Insurance Company at the Kemper Insurance Building. This lecture was for three days. It is not known if BUNDY sold the pamphlets at this lecture, but he did take copies of the pamphlet with him. [redacted] helped pack these pamphlets in a box for BUNDY. [redacted] did not attend these lectures.

In addition, BUNDY was on an extended tour in the southern United States and gave lectures in Tampa, Miami, Winter Garden and Orlando, Florida; Dallas, Texas; Memphis, Tennessee; and St. Charles, Louisiana. It is not known if BUNDY sold pamphlets at these lectures, but it is believed by [redacted] that they were sold at the lecture at Orlando, Florida, inasmuch as BUNDY showed the film "Operation Abolition" at this lecture, and whenever he shows the film "Operation Abolition" he usually sells the pamphlets.

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BUNDY also spoke at a Catholic high school which is believed to be in Hinsdale, Illinois; however, it is not known whether or not pamphlets were sold at this meeting. BUNDY makes numerous speeches and the exact location and to whom these speeches are to be given are not generally known by BUNDY's associates at the CLA. However, [redacted] believed that there is a record of these lectures at the CLA office and he will attempt to obtain the list of lectures given by BUNDY on August 7, 1961, and advise this office.

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[redacted] advised that he also has given lectures which include a showing of the film "Operation Abolition" and after the lecture he sells the pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth" for 25¢. He sold this pamphlet at the expressed directive of Mr. BUNDY and BUNDY set the price at 25¢. All money derived from the sale of these pamphlets goes into the treasury of the CLA to be used for the ostensible purpose of fighting Communism.

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[redacted] lectured at the Flick Reedy Corporation, 7015 North York, Bensenville, Illinois. [redacted] knew of the names of no individuals at this meeting, however, copies of the pamphlet were sold at this meeting. He also lectured at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lombard, Illinois, exact address unknown. This lecture was given on June 16, 1961, and a [redacted] who invited [redacted] and the pastor of the Church were present at this lecture and could furnish the names of individuals who purchased the pamphlet. [redacted] advised that he would attempt to get the exact address of the Sacred Heart Church.

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During March, 1961, [redacted] spoke at the Balkan Sword Club (phonetic) on Irving Park Avenue in Chicago, which is a Catholic

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organization. Very few pamphlets were sold at this lecture and [redacted] could not furnish the name of any individual at this lecture.

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On May 17, 1961, [redacted] spoke at the VFW Post in Villa Park, Illinois, at which time he again showed the film "Operation Abolition" and sold the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet. He knew of no individuals in attendance at this lecture other than Miss [redacted] a reporter for the "Lombardian", a local Lombard publication, who covered this meeting.

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On July 13, 1961, [redacted] spoke at the VFW Post, 830 North Lincoln, Aurora, Illinois. [redacted] was in charge of this meeting. [redacted] sold the pamphlet at this meeting.

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As mentioned above, [redacted] on August 7, 1961, will attempt to get additional information concerning individuals who could furnish information concerning the sale of the "Communist Target-Youth" pamphlet.

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[redacted] advised that a [redacted] is an employee of a United States Senate Committee. He could not furnish the identity of this Committee but stated that he was not an employee of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

[redacted] of the CIA. However, this is not publicly known. [redacted] and BUNDY correspond frequently. Mr. [redacted] has stated over the phone to BUNDY that the reason J. EDGAR HOOVER is revising his views on Communism, specifically in connection with his views on the National Council of Churches, is because Mr. HOOVER plans to retire in the near future.

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[redacted] has told BUNDY that he was concerned over statements by Assistant Director SULLIVAN and the Director concerning the National Council of Churches and contacted Assistant Director CARTHA DE LOACH. [redacted] said "we got no cooperation from DE LOACH as was expected".



NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

Church League of America

1407 HILL AVENUE, WHEATON, ILLINOIS

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Dear Church League Supporter:

Enclosed you will find a brochure concerning the most important project in the Church League history.

We are desperately in need of additional office space to handle the tremendous work-load now upon us and so that we might employ additional personnel to handle this load.

In the present building we cannot put another desk or another employee. We have material in three different places when it is needed under one roof for efficiency's sake.

Our mail is so heavy that we are running as much as a week behind in answering priority mail. This mail should be answered within twenty-four hours and it can be done if you will help us erect this building.

All of those who contribute \$100.00 or more will have their names engraved in a bronze plaque, which will be placed in the main entrance hall for all future generations to see. They will know that there were some who cared to preserve the Republic.

All contributions for this project are tax-deductible. We ask you to make it a matter of sincere prayer and meditation as to how much you can give so that ground may be broken as fast as possible for this building.

We will appreciate hearing from you in the form of a generous contribution, or a pledge as to what you will do over a period of one year.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

Edgar C. Bundy
General Chairman

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TO SAC TAMPA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY, GENERAL CHAIRMAN, CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA, WHEATON, ILLINOIS, RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS), BUDED JANUARY THIRTY, ONE NINE SIX TWO. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM DATED JANUARY SEVENTEEN RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WLOF-TV, ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

"MAJOR EDGAR BUNDY HOLDING SEMINAR IN ORLANDO 26TH THRU 28TH THIS MONTH. THIS RETIRED INTELLIGENCE OFFICER CLAIMS TO BE FRIEND OF YOURS WHO WORKS CLOSELY WITH YOUR OFFICE. CLAIMS EXPOSE' OF FLA. CITIZENS AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS AIDING COMMUNISM. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES PLANNING TO ATTEND SEMINAR. TO BENEFIT FACTUAL NEWS COVERAGE AND TO SUPPORT OR REFUTE BUNDY'S CLAIMS, PLS. ADVISE & CLARIFY." FOR YOUR INFORMATION, BUNDY IS FORMER BAPTIST MINISTER WHO HAS BEEN LECTURING AROUND THE COUNTRY ON COMMUNISM AND IS TYPICAL OF IRRESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL ANTICOMMUNISTS WHO MAKE LIVING CHARGING

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**TELETYPE TO TAMPA
MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY**

**FEES FOR THEIR LECTURES ON THIS SUBJECT. HIS LITERATURE AND
TALKS ARE EMOTIONAL AND FILLED WITH BROAD AND INACCURATE
STATEMENTS AND WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION. HE HAS BEEN SUBJECT
OF AN IMPERSONATION CASE BUT VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED. HE
RECENTLY HAS BEEN SELLING U. S. GOVERNMENT LITERATURE AT A
PRICE HIGHER THAN COST TO HIM. UNLESS YOU HAVE INFORMATION
PRECLUDING SUCH ACTION, YOU SHOULD CONTACT [REDACTED] AND
ADVISE HIM BUNDY IS NOT A FRIEND OF MINE AND IS NOT WORKING
WITH THE BUREAU. EXPLAIN CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF BUREAU FILES
AND CLEARLY STATE THAT BUNDY DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DATA IN
OUR RECORDS. DISCREETLY DETERMINE BASIS FOR ALLEGATIONS AND
SUTEL RESULTS. YOU ARE TO FOLLOW BUNDY'S ACTIVITIES AND IF
ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH BY [REDACTED] ARE CORROBORATED, YOU OR
ASAC CONTACT BUNDY AND TELL HIM TO CEASE STATING OR IMPLYING
HE HAS ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH ME OR THE FBI OR THAT HE HAS ACCESS**

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**TELETYPE TO TAMPA
MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY**

**TO ANY INFORMATION IN OUR FILES. THIS MATTER SHOULD BE
THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED WITH HIM, AND YOU SHOULD BE CERTAIN HE
UNDERSTANDS WE NEITHER APPROVE NOR DISAPPROVE OF HIS
ACTIVITIES AND THAT WE DO NOT WANT ANY IMPLICATION THAT HIS
VIEWS AND STATEMENTS REPRESENT FBI IN ANY WAY. FURNISH
RESULTS RE BUNDY TO REACH BUREAU BY JANUARY THIRTY NEXT.
COPY MAILED CHICAGO.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (100-new)

MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY, GENERAL CHAIRMAN, CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA, WHEATON, ILLINOIS, RESEARCH /CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS/. REBUTEL JAN. EIGHTEEN. [REDACTED]

WLOF TV, ORLANDO, PERSONALLY CONTACTED BY ME EVENING JAN.

EIGHTEEN. TELEGRAM TO DIRECTOR ACKNOWLEDGED AND HE WAS ADVISED BUNDY NOT FRIEND OF DIRECTOR AND NOT WORKING WITH BUREAU. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF BUFILES WAS EXPLAINED TO

[REDACTED] AND IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT BUNDY DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DATA IN OUR RECORDS. [REDACTED] SAID CHIEF OF POLICE CARLISLE JOHNSTONE, ORLANDO, HAD INDICATED TO HIM HE WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED WITH PREVIOUS TALKS BUNDY MADE AND SENT HIM A COPY OF A BOOK THAT IS PUT OUT BY BUNDY CONCERNING COMMUNISM. HE SAID HE HAD NO DEFINITE OR SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM ANY SOURCE THAT BUNDY HAD MADE A STATEMENT

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TO ANYONE INDICATING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE DIRECTOR OR
RELATIONSHIP WITH BUREAU, BUT THAT HE HAD CONCLUDED THIS
FROM HEARING THAT BUNDY HAD BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH
THE DIRECTOR AND SINCE IN HIS BOOK HE STATED "FROM
INFORMATION PUT OUT BY THE DIRECTOR." I TOLD [REDACTED]
THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL WOULD OR COULD HAVE ACCESS TO ANY
INFORMATION RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC BY ANY OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, PAMPHLETS AND BOOKLETS ISSUED
BY THE BUREAU, PUBLIC ADDRESSES OF THE DIRECTOR, ETC.,
WHEREIN INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNISM IS SET FORTH,
AND THAT THIS WOULD NOT INDICATE THAT IF ANY PERSON USING
SUCH INFORMATION HAD ACCESS TO OUR FILES. HE SAID HE
UNDERSTOOD THIS AND THAT IF HE HEARS ANYTHING TO THE
EFFECT THAT BUNDY IS REPRESENTING HIMSELF AS BEING A
FRIEND OF THE DIRECTOR OR HAVING ACCESS TO OUR FILES, HE
WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT ME. ON JAN. NINETEEN, DURING A
ROUTINE CONTACT WITH CHIEF OF POLICE JOHNSTONE ON OTHER
MATTERS BY SRA [REDACTED] REFERENCE WAS MADE TO BUNDY'S
FORTHCOMING APPEARANCE IN ORLANDO. JOHNSTONE SAID THAT ON
THREE PREVIOUS OCCASIONS DURING EARLY PART OF THIS MONTH

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HE HAD ARRANGED FOR BUNDY TO ADDRESS CIVIC GROUPS IN ORANGE COUNTY, THAT VIRGIL STUART, CHIEF OF POLICE, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF FLORIDA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, HAD RECOMMENDED BUNDY TO HIM AS BEING AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL IN HIS FIELD. JOHNSTONE SAID THAT IN THE THREE TALKS BUNDY MADE IN ORANGE COUNTY THIS MONTH, NO INDICATION WAS GIVEN BY BUNDY THAT HE HAD ANY FRIENDSHIP WITH THE DIRECTOR, NOR WAS ANYTHING SAID ABOUT ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH FBI OR ACCESS TO FBI FILES. JOHNSTONE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT BUNDY, TO POINT UP THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF FBI FILES, READ TWO LETTERS ADDRESSED TO HIM AT SOME PREVIOUS UNSPECIFIED DATES, WHICH WERE SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR, WHEREIN BUNDY WAS ADVISED THAT THE BUREAU, BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF OUR FILES, COULD NOT FURNISH HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PERSONS PRESENT AT THESE MEETINGS WHO HEARD BUNDY READ THESE LETTERS FELT THAT SINCE BUNDY WAS IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE BUREAU HE WAS FRIENDLY WITH THE DIRECTOR. INSTRUCTIONS IN REBUTEL BEING FOLLOWED AND BUREAU WILL BE APPROPRIATELY ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

Director, FBI

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SAC, Tampa (100-430) (C)

MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY
General Chairman
Church League of America
Wheaton, Illinois
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

ReButel 1/18/62 and TPtel same date.

For information of Bureau, there are transmitted herewith newspaper clippings appearing in 1/25/62 issue of "The Corner Cupboard" and 1/27/62 issue of "The Evening Star," both published at Orlando, Florida. As will be noted from the latter clipping, only approximately 75 persons attended the seminar conducted by captioned individual. There was no indication during the seminar that BUNDY made any statements alleging association with the Bureau or access to Bureau files.

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SAC, CHICAGO (80-416)

ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY
ARGONNE, ILLINOIS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. EDGAR C. BUNDY, 422 North Prospect Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office on 10/24/62 and informed that he had certain information about a situation that existed at the Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) which he has discussed with Mr. ELMER HOFFMAN, the Illinois State Representative from Du Page County, Illinois. He stated he and Mr. HOFFMAN were of the opinion that the matter should be brought to the attention of the FBI, and, therefore, he was requesting that an Agent of the FBI contact him regarding this matter. BUNDY refused to discuss the matter on the telephone.

Mr. EDGAR C. BUNDY, 1407 Hill Street, Wheaton, Illinois, was contacted as a complainant at the National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America, 422 North Prospect Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, on 10/25/62. Mr. BUNDY identified himself as the Executive Secretary of the above group and as the editor of the "News and Views" magazine, a monthly publication which is sponsored by said group. He said that one [redacted] who is employed [redacted] for the Church League of America at the above address, has recently furnished him (BUNDY) with certain information which he (BUNDY) had discussed with Mr. ELMER HOFFMAN, Illinois State Representative, and both decided the information should be brought to the attention of the FBI. At this point Mr. BUNDY called [redacted] who, in the presence of Mr. BUNDY, furnished the following information:

[redacted]
[redacted] Illinois, is employed [redacted]
International Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (IINSE). ANL, Argonne, Illinois. [redacted]

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by IINSE. Most of the people, [redacted] working on projects in the IINSE are from foreign countries, primarily Yugoslavia and India. [redacted] commented that some of the Yugoslavian students at IINSE are "apparently communists" and she wondered what type of "clearance" they might have had in view of the fact that they are working at a facility which does carry on highly confidential work.

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Furthermore, Mr. [redacted] and other employees at ANL, whom he [redacted] could not identify, recently "held a meeting" pertaining to the sponsorship of one JEROME ZIEGLER, Democratic candidate for the 14th Congressional District, Du Page County, Illinois. [redacted] did not attend the above meeting and he [redacted] was not sure how she determined that the meeting was for the purpose of discussing ZIEGLER's sponsorship. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted]

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[redacted] Illinois, and perhaps she learned of this meeting through him. [redacted] added that [redacted] would probably be willing to discuss the matter with the Bureau if her position at ANL would not be compromised.

At this point [redacted] left the room and the interview was continued with Mr. BUNDY. BUNDY said that when [redacted] related the above information to him he was "disturbed" that officials of ANL would support the candidacy of JEROME ZIEGLER, an individual who has "definite communist leanings." BUNDY said that "The Worker," published by the Communist Party, recently listed ZIEGLER as the candidate they would support. He said that one SID LENS (SIDNEY OKUN, Bufile 100-338899), a "known communist," who is associated with the "Voters for Peace" (Bufile 100-439141), a "communist front group," also has come out in support of ZIEGLER.

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To clarify the above, Miss [redacted] Illinois, was interviewed on 10/31/62 by SAs [redacted] and DUNCAN J. EVERETTE. She requested that her identity be concealed. Miss [redacted] advised that she [redacted] has been employed

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[redacted] in the International Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering, ANL, Argonne, Illinois. [redacted]

[redacted] of IINSE; however,

her immediate supervisor is considered to be Mr. [redacted] (CSC, AEA-A, CG file 116-51287) of IINSE. She said that to her knowledge neither Mr. [redacted] or any other employee of IINSE has attended any meeting at ANL for the specific purpose of sponsoring any political candidate for office. She stated that she has never informed anyone that such a meeting might have taken place. She said that the nearest thing to a "political meeting," to her knowledge, took place at a recent "coffee break" at the IINSE. Miss [redacted] related the following information regarding this incident:

At 3:00 p.m. daily, students of IINSE are permitted to take a "ten minute coffee break." Occasionally "two or three" officials will sit down together and converse while having their coffee. "About two weeks ago," during such a "break," she observed Mr. [redacted] and two other officials of the IINSE, whose names she now could not recall, sitting together and having coffee. She was [redacted] for Mr. [redacted] and needed certain information to complete her work, therefore, she approached Mr. [redacted] and interrupted his conversation to secure the information. After [redacted] answered her question about the work, he commented that [redacted] she "will be voting for the first time." Mr. [redacted] then said, "I know she will vote Democratic [redacted]"

Someone in the group, identity unrecalled, then said, "Don't forget to vote for ZIEGLER." She could not recall what, if anything, she said in return but she did immediately return to her work. She reiterated that this was the only incident having even the "vague similarity" to a political meeting at ANL to her knowledge.

She is aware of the fact that most of the students engaged in projects at IINSE are from foreign countries, which include Yugoslavia. When "we" think of Yugoslavia, "we" usually think of "communist"; therefore, one might get the wrong impression that the Yugoslavian students at ANL are communists. She is aware of the fact that they do not have

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a "security clearance"; and she also is aware of the rules and regulations at ANL that prohibit IINSE students from having access to "restricted areas." She has no knowledge that any IINSE student has ever been permitted to enter a "restricted area" without proper chaperoning.

It should be noted that initially Miss [redacted] was extremely reluctant to be interviewed, apparently because of her employment at Argonne, but consented to be interviewed on 10/31/62.

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It is to be noted that Mr. [redacted] as well as all other IINSE employees, are employed by Argonne National Laboratory; therefore, they are not government employees. It is to be further noted that ANL is not a government reservation although all property used on the site is government property. The Atomic Energy Commission (Chicago Operations Office) located on the site of ANL is apprised of all foreign students who are in attendance at the IINSE. Since these students do not have a security clearance, they are not permitted in the exclusion areas on the site unattended, or to have access to classified material.

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It is to be noted that the original complainant in this matter, EDGAR C. BUNDY, has recently publicly come out in support of Mr. ELMER HOFFMAN, the Republican candidate for the 14th Congressional District in Du Page County, Illinois, who is opposed by JEROME ZIEGLER, Democrat.

Inasmuch as investigation fails to reflect that a federal violation exists, no further investigation is contemplated in this matter. This information is being furnished to the Bureau for information in the event BUNDY or HOFFMAN would communicate with the Bureau in this matter.

RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally _____ date _____ By Telephone _____ date _____ Written Communication AUG 21 1964 date _____Information concerning: EDGAR C. BUNDY, born 1923 at
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<i>100-15742-10</i>	<i>1/57</i>	<i>office at</i>	
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Sheridan, Ill.
Oct. 27, 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover,

It was our pleasure to have ~~in our~~ midst last Thursday evening Major Edgar C. Bundy, who kept us spellbound for over two hours as he told of the dangers of infiltration.

Now he has been the object of smear tactics. What he said could not be refuted as he quoted from books you had written and from sworn testimony, but some of the charges are that he is not an ordained minister, that his headquarters are located in a garage, and that he is the Church League of America, there is no one else on the payroll. I do not doubt Mr. Bundy in the least, but I do not like to let these cowards have the last word. They were not so eager to speak up while Mr. Bundy was in their midst.

Could you shed any light on this subject. I would appreciate it very much.

May I commend you too on your wonderful work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. 

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Chicago, Illinois 60604
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Mrs. [REDACTED]
Sheridan, Illinois

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 27, 1964, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I can advise you, however, that Mr. Edgar C. Bundy has no connection with this Bureau and has never been an employee of the FBI.

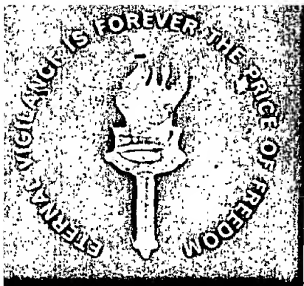
Very truly yours,


M. W. JOHNSON
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18 December 1964

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Gentlemen:

We would appreciate being placed on your distribution list to receive those publications which are for public consumption, such as the Annual Report of the F.B.I. and letters to all law enforcement agencies.

Back issues for the last four years would be appreciated.

Enclosed is a brochure entitled, "What Is The Church League of America?", which tells of our work. We are most enthusiastic supporters of the F.B.I. and Mr. Hoover and have been for many years.

Very truly yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

Edgar C. Bundy
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December 23, 1964

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Mr. Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary
Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Dear Mr. Bundy:

Your letter of December 18th was received
as Mr. Hoover was preparing to leave the city. The enclosure
was not received with your communication.

Mr. Hoover asked me to advise you that
the large number of similar requests has made it necessary
as a matter of policy for him to decline furnishing our
material. He regrets he cannot be of help but trusts
you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
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Mr. Douglas S. Kennedy
Editor
TRUE Magazine
87 West 44th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Reference your flippant reply of December 23, 1964 to my personal letter to you, please be advised that if you prefer to use the undocumented, vicious attacks on J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation by a man who was exposed as a liar by the New York City District Attorney, NEWSWEEK, and all the press of New York, then that is your privilege, which it certainly seems you are exercising.

Our privilege is to recommend, wherever and whenever possible, that people stop subsidizing you and your publication and stand with us in support of a great American, J. Edgar Hoover, and the loyal Americans of the F.B.I.

May you never live to hear the clanging of the gates behind you in a concentration camp!


Very truly yours,

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Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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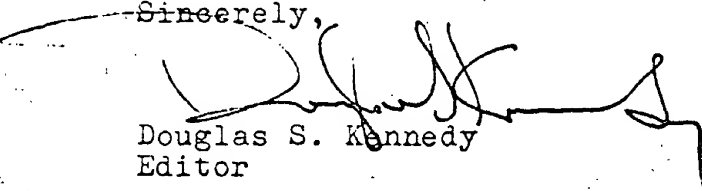
Dear Mr. Bundy,

Answering your latest, personally:

It does not seem Christian to me for a man who is the executive secretary of an organization called the Church League of America to call Mr. Cook a "public liar" even if you can document the facts. All I can do at Christmas time is to equate your statement with a recent one of Mr. Hoover's when he called Nobel Peace Prize winner King a "notorious liar".

May you find no commies hiding under your bed in 1965.

Sincerely,

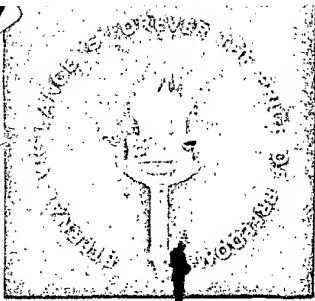

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24 February 1965

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you might be interested in the further correspondence between myself and Mr. Douglas S. Kennedy, Editor of TRUE Magazine, which devoted such generous space to Fred J. Cook's attack on you and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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March 3, 1965

Mr. Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary
Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Dear Mr. Bundy:

Your letter of February 24th, with enclosures, has been received and Mr. Hoover asked me to thank you for bringing this material to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

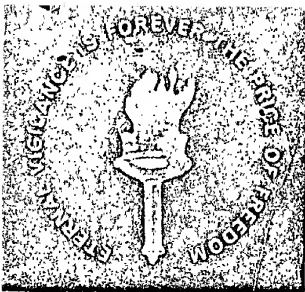
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3 May 1965

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please permit us to congratulate you on the tremendous testimony you give annually before the U. S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Appropriations, copies of which we have had the privilege of distributing by the many thousands to the "media of communication" and to educators, ministers, labor leaders, heads of youth organizations, and other spheres of our life.

Although I know you are very busy with the tremendous work load of the FBI upon your shoulders, I do hope that you can find time to read the enclosed nineteen page documentary we have done entitled, "What Is Happening to America's Youth?"

You will notice that we have quoted generously from your consistent warnings before the House Appropriations Committee.

We will probably distribute about 50,000 copies of this May 1965 issue of NEWS & VIEWS. - 100-32816

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy
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aka: Edgar C. Bundy, Edgar Bundy

1407 Hill Ave.

Wheaton, Ill.

Pres. of Abraham Lincoln Club
office at: 82 W. Washington

May 7, 1965

J
Mr. Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary
Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

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100-33219
105-0-2308*

Dear Mr. Bundy:

Your letter of May 3rd, enclosing your
documentary, was received in Mr. Hoover's absence
from the city. It will be brought to his attention upon
his return.

Sincerely yours,

H. W. Gandy
Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

27 May 1965

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Justice Department Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have received a copy of the reprint of your testimony on the F.B.I. appropriation for 1966 before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on March 4, 1965.

We have also received a copy of the Department of Justice hearings, running some 402 pages.

Annually, for the past four years, we have removed the pages from the Appropriations Bill hearings dealing with your testimony and have had this photographed on offset and sent to a mailing list of 10,000 key people in all spheres of life throughout the United States as one of the many free services of the Church League of America.

We had intended to do this again until we received your reprint copy.

What we would like to know is what would be the cost of approximately 10,000 copies of your reprint, which cost we will be glad to bear so that we can send out these copies free to this mailing list?

Perhaps it might be well to ask whether that number of copies could be made available to us, providing we bear the printing cost.

An early reply would be greatly appreciated as we want to make a decision on this soon.

Very sincerely yours

Edgar C. Bundy
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Executive Secretary

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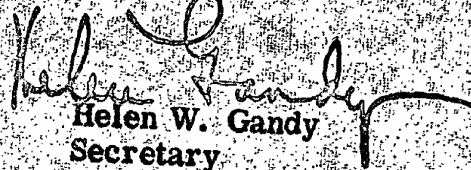
June 2, 1965

Mr. Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary
Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Dear Mr. Bundy:


Your letter of May 27th was received during
Mr. Hoover's absence; however, you may be sure it will be
brought to his attention upon his return. I know he would want
me to point out that it will not be possible to be of service to you.





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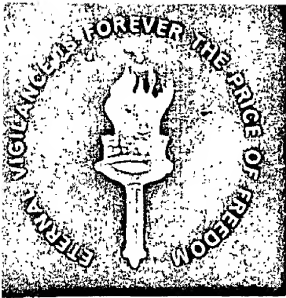

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

21 February 1966

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The following information is for your files:

On Tuesday evening, February 15, 1966, I had the dubious privilege of debating for 90 minutes on Radio Station WOR, New York, on the Barry Farber Show, from 8:15 until 10 P.M., Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, an official of the National Council of Churches, identified as Coordinator for The Department of Religion and Race.

On the broadcast, itself, Mrs. Hedgeman openly attacked the Daughters of the American Revolution. Following the broadcast, in the presence of Mr. Farber, who is the moderator of the program, and Gordon Cook (representative of South Africa Airways), she admitted that she was a sponsor of the W. E. Du Bois rally in Carnegie Hall in 1964, and stated further that she would have been disappointed if she had not been asked to sponsor it. She said that she considered Dr. du Bois one of the greatest Americans of all times. She knew that he was an open and confessed member of the Communist Party but that she was not bothered by this as she preferred to work with communists any day rather than with members of the D.A.R.

According to material from public sources, Mrs. Hedgeman has a record of support of other subversive organizations and movements.

Very truly yours, 100-36062-54

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Edgar C. Bundy

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February 28, 1966

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Mr. Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary
Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Dear Mr. Bundy:

Your letter of February 21st was received during Mr. Hoover's absence. You may be certain your communication will be brought to his attention upon his return. I know he would want me to thank you for furnishing the information which you made available.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Helen W. Gandy
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The following information was developed by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] sources and made
available by [REDACTED] on a strictly confi-
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The source of the information should be concealed
and described as an agency which conducts security and
background investigations in the Chicago area.

The receipt of content of this information should
not be discussed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] In the event further or clarifying information is
desired, S-5 should be requested to make inquiry [REDACTED]

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For information reports received from this source
were immediately reviewed on receipt, and those items or
incidents requiring immediate attention were handled the
same day under pertinent captions.

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CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA (CLA)

On March 13, 1967, source advised that the CLA sponsored a meeting on March 10 and 12, 1967, held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel, 560 North Michigan Avenue, and the Sheridan Plaza Hotel, respectively.

The Friday, March 10, 1967, meeting was held from 2000 to 2330 hours, with approximately 800 persons in attendance.

The featured speakers were IAN SMITH, Prime Minister of Rhodesia, and Madam SUZANNE LABIN of Paris, France.

IAN SMITH did not make an appearance. His absence was attributed to the lack of a passport. Rhodesian officials would not permit him to leave the country. A film was shown in his place with taped comments.

SUZANNE LABIN addressed the assemblage with a report on the "Vietnam Crisis."

Note: The views of the participants and sponsoring organization were anti-Communist.

The attendance of the March 12, 1967, meeting of the CLA was about 400. It was held from 1430 to 2130 hours.

The featured speakers were:

Dr. J. D. VOSTER (brother of the Prime Minister of South Africa)

Major EDGAR C. BUNDY (Executive Director of the sponsoring organization, Church League of America)

This affair was conducted as a symposium on "Communism."

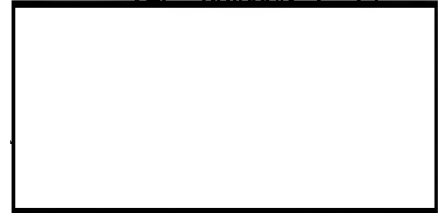
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W. P. MARSHALL
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

R. W. McFALL
PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS

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THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THE CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA WILL HOLD AN IMPORTANT PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON, NOV 13TH , 230PM IN ITS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 422 NORTH PROSPECT ST., WHEATON ILL., AT WHICH TIME IT WILL EXPOSE THE DETAILS CONCERNING THE BRINGING OF THREE AGENTS OF THE SOVIET SECRET POLICE, THE KGB, TO THE CHICAGO LAND AREA FOR A SERIES OF SPEECHES ATTACKING THE UNITED STATES POSITION IN VIET NAM, AS PART OF A FOUR WEEKS TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN MOSCOW AND TWO NON-CLERICAL AIDES. ALTHOUGH PERSONS SPONSORING THEM HAVE ATTEMPTED TO KEEP THEIR SCHEDULE SECRET SO AS TO AVOID DEMONSTRATIONS, THE CHURCH LEAGUE HAS SUCCEEDED IN SECURING PART OF IT, ALONG WITH COMPLETE IDENTIFICATIONS ON THE TEAM

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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AND PREVIOUS VIOLANT ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. THIS TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE CHICAGO LAND AREA ON THIS THURSDAY EVENING NOV 16TH, YOU ARE URGED TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE HERE TODAY AT THIS VITAL CONFERENCE.

EDGAR C. BUNDY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

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FBI CHICAGO

648PM URGENT 11-13-67 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /62-104576/

FROM CHICAGO /100-36062/

EDGAR C. BUNDY. INFORMATION CONCERNING /INTERNAL SECURITY/.

RE CG AIRTEL SEPTEMBER ONE, SIXTYONE, AND CG AIRTEL
SEPTEMBER ONE, SIXTYSEVEN, CAPTIONED NATIONAL CONVENTION OF NEW
POLITICS, INFORMATION CONCERNING /IS/, BUFILE SIX TWO - ONE ONE
ZERO NINE EIGHT FIVE. ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN INSTANT TELEGRAM
RECEIVED CG DIVISION FROM EDGAR C. BUNDY ADVISING HIS
ORGANIZATION, CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA /CLA/ TO HOLD PRESS
CONFERENCE NOVEMBER THIRTEEN TO "EXPOSE THE DETAILS CONCERNING
THE BRINGING OF THREE AGENTS OF THE SOVIET SECRET POLICE, THE KGB,
TO THE CHICAGOLAND AREA FOR A SERIES OF SPEECHES ATTACKING THE
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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN MOSCOW AND TWO NON-CLERICAL AIDES.
ALTHOUGH PERSONS SPONSORING THEM HAVE ATTEMPTED TO KEEP THEIR
SCHEDULE SECRET SO AS TO AVOID DEMONSTRATIONS, THE CHURCH

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LEAGUE HAS SUCCEEDED IN SECURING PART OF IT, ALONG WITH COMPLETE IDENTIFICATIONS ON THE TEAM AND PREVIOUS VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. THIS TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA ON THIS THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER SIXTEEN." RECIPIENTS OF TELEGRAM URGED TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE AT PRESS CONFERENCE. NO FBI REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND. RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, INSTANT, HE HAS LEARNED REPRESENTATIVES OF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ARE IN UNITED STATES FOR VISIT SPONSORED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HEADQUARTERED IN NYC. SOURCE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT GROUP PLANS TO VISIT CG AND THEIR SCHEDULE UNKNOWN TO HIM.

IT IS NOTED BUNDY IS A FORMER AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AND HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS LETTERS TO DIRECTOR. CG FOLLOWING WITH SOURCE AND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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FBI WASH DC

Chicago, Illinois
November 14, 1967

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**SOVIET MEASURES TO DOMINATE
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
REGISTRATION ACT - R**

On November 13, 1967, a telegram was received at the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from Edgar C. Bundy, Executive Secretary, Church League of America (CLA), 422 North Prospect Street, Wheaton, Illinois. The telegram stated the CLA was to hold a press conference at its national headquarters at Wheaton, Illinois, on the afternoon of November 13, 1967, to "expose the details concerning the bringing of three agents of the Soviet Secret Police, the KGB, to the Chicagoland area for a series of speeches attacking the United States position in Viet Nam, as part of a four weeks tour of the United States by the Foreign Secretary of the Russian Orthodox Church in Moscow and two clerical-aides. Although persons sponsoring them have attempted to keep their schedule secret so as to avoid demonstrations, the Church League has succeeded in securing part of it, along with complete identifications on the team and previous violent attacks against the United States. This team is scheduled to arrive in the Chicagoland area on this Thursday evening, November 16."

On November 13, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had learned a group of representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church had arrived in the United States on November 9, 1967, at New York, New York, for a visit under sponsorship of the National Council of Churches. The source had no information that the group planned to visit the Chicago area.

In its November 12, 1967 edition, the "Rockford Morning Star", a Rockford, Illinois daily newspaper, carried an article captioned, "Soviet Clergymen to Visit in Area." The article, dateline Mount Morris, Illinois, stated that a

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**SOVIET MEASURES TO DOMINATE
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delegation from the Russian Orthodox Church is scheduled to visit the Church of the Brethren, Mount Morris, on November 19, 1967. The article stated the visiting delegation would arrive at the national headquarters of the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Illinois, on Thursday, November 16, 1967. The pastor of the host church at Mount Morris was quoted as saying it is anticipated representatives of the anti-communist International Council of Christian Churches will picket the delegation on November 19, 1967. The article did not identify the number of persons in the Russian delegation but identified the head of the delegation as "Metropolitan Nikodim of Leningrad and Novgorod who as Chairman of the Department of External Affairs of the Moscow Patriarchate, is the Russian Orthodox prelate most widely known outside the Soviet Union."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-4270)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (97-256) (RUC)
SUBJECT: SOVIET MEASURES TO DOMINATE
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
RA - R
OO: NEW YORK

Re Chicago tel 11/13/67 captioned "EDGAR C. BUNDY,
INFORMATION CONCERNING, INTERNAL SECURITY", Bufile 62-104576.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of a LHM
concerning the visit of representatives of the Russian
Orthodox Church to the Chicago area. A copy of this LHM
is being furnished New York for information since New York
is office of origin in this matter.

The confidential source utilized in the enclosed
LHM is

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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ because it
contains information received from a confidential informant
of continuing value whose future effectiveness could be
compromised by the unauthorized disclosure of information
contained therein.

For information, it is noted that the Bureau by
routing slip dated 10/2/64, furnished Chicago a copy of a letter
sent to the USDS dated 9/9/64 from the Church of the Brethren
National Headquarters, Elgin, Illinois, concerning arrangements which
at that time were in a discussion stage, concerning the possibility
of a visit to the seminary of the Church of the Brethren by a
representative or representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church.
At that time the State Department advised that Elgin and the
Chicago environs were "closed" and it was not possible to
approve the visit at that time. It is believed that the current
visit was the culmination of plans begun in 1964.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-164348)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (105-14128) (RUC)

VISIT OF SOVIETS TO CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, 1967
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Re Bulet to Philadelphia dated 11/21/67.

On 11/28/67, Trooper [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lancaster, Pa., who had maintained contact with Church of the Brethren officials prior to the Soviet group's visit to the Mechanics Grove Church of the Brethren, Mechanics Grove, Lancaster County, Pa., on 11/12/67, and who had also attended the services at the above church on 11/12/67, speaking with the demonstrators present, advised SA [REDACTED] that the name of EDGAR BUNDY and the Church League of America were totally unknown to him as having been involved in agitation over the visit of the Soviets to Lancaster County, Pa., on 11/12/67.

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Attention of Bureau is directed to the book "The Radical Fight," report on the John Birch Society and Its Allies, by BENJAMIN R. EPSTEIN and ARNOLD FORSTER of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, published at \$1.95 by Vantage Books, March 1967, in paperback edition.

Page 33 referenced volume notes "Edgar Bundy of the Church League of America brought out 'Apostles of Deceit'-- an attack on the National Council of Churches and other dangerous 'liberal' influences."

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- 1 - Baltimore (RM) (Info)
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Pages 77-79 cover the activities of EDGAR C. BUNDY and the Church League of America more extensively, noting that the Church League of America, based in Wheaton, Ill., is headed by BUNDY, characterized as "a minister-without-pulpit who is the ideological ally of MC INTIRE (Reverend CARL MC INTIRE of the American Council of Christian Churches, Collingswood, N.J.) in the war against the National and World Councils of Churches."

This section also notes that BUNDY acquired the files of the late J. B. MATTHEWS, research director for the late Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY, and that MATTHEWS had headed research for the Church League of America prior to his death in July 1956. In the Fall of 1966, BUNDY visited South Africa on a lecture tour. The book quotes a New York Times article appearing after BUNDY's tour as stating that BUNDY's basic theme was "communism in the churches." BUNDY is quoted from his own book "Collectivism in the Churches" as describing the World Council of Churches as "permeated with Communist clergymen from the Soviet Union and its satellite states."

Inasmuch as it appears that the concern of EDGAR C. BUNDY over the visit of the Soviet clergymen to the United States is the same as that of the Reverend CARL MC INTIRE, it is not believed that any interview with BUNDY is warranted.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36062)

DATE: 12/27/67

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Captioned case was opened upon receipt of telegram from EDGAR BUNDY dated November 13, 1967, in which BUNDY accused a group of Russian Orthodox church leaders visiting in the United States of being agents of the KGB. BUNDY, Executive Secretary of the Church League of America, headquartered in Wheaton, Illinois, called a press conference in which he planned to reveal details of information concerning the Russian visitors. This data was incorporated in a teletype and LHM sent to the Bureau. Subsequent information pertaining to the visit of the Russian clergy in the Chicago area was furnished the Bureau under the caption "SOVIET VISITORS TO CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN," Chicago file 105-23828. In view of this, no further leads are outstanding in captioned case and it is recommended that this case be closed administratively.

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[REDACTED] concerning subversive activities in which he has participated on behalf of that Department and who has on occasion furnished information on a voluntary basis to the Chicago Office of the FBI, contacted SA FORREST F. BURGESS on 12/12/67 while [REDACTED] was in Washington, D.C., and advised as follows:

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JAMESON CAMPAGNE, JR., Managing Editor, "Daily Comet", Chicago, Illinois, and one of the founders of the Young Americans for Freedom said that EDGAR C. BUNDY, Executive Director of the Church Leaders of America, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
indicated [REDACTED] by CAMPAGNE that BUNDY had collected a large number of documentary records concerning communists and communists activities, which information he in turn made available to anti-communists organizations for the purpose of exposing communists. [REDACTED] able to identify several top functionaries of the Communist Party who were attending the convention sponsored by the National Conference for New Politics in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1967, and advised BUNDY of this information. BUNDY was instrumental in having this information published in the "Chicago Tribune" without disclosing the source of this information. [REDACTED] was one of the few who had this information in his possession,

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of it in the "Chicago Tribune". [redacted]
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[redacted] BUNDY copies [redacted]
of several documents included in the records at the National
Conference for New Politics [redacted]
[redacted] correspondence and records
from the Du Bois Clubs and other organizations of a "Left"
nature [redacted]

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[redacted] received information from several people,
[redacted] which indicated that
BUNDY had homosexual tendencies. [redacted]
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[redacted] these stories concerning
BUNDY had never been made public because it was feared
it would discredit the "Right Wing" movement.

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[redacted] BUNDY was angered about this but would
not deny the allegations. He countered by saying this is
a favorite technique of communists to discredit people in
the intelligence field by attaching the stigma of homosexual
activities to them. BUNDY also [redacted] could not

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have been in the Air Force Intelligence Service with a background of this type and that he had the highest intelligence clearance for access to confidential information. [redacted]

[redacted] BUNDY stated he had extensive files on "Right Wing" organizations and members which disclosed derogatory information concerning them and which could result in discrediting them if he had released such information. [redacted]

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[redacted] BUNDY [redacted] stating that the information he compiled was his own business and the information he did compile was none of [redacted] business.

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does not believe he is a person to be trusted.

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The above is being furnished to the Bureau for information. It is pointed out that it appears from information furnished [redacted] holds a personal grudge of some type against BUNDY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 04-28-2009

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36062)

DATE: February 1, 1968

FROM :
CORRELATION CLERK

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SUBJECT: EDGAR CLIFFORD BUNDY,
EDGAR C. BUNDY, EDGAR
BUNDY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

This memo contains identical security references. No identical criminal references were located.

It is not known whether or not 105-0-11458, EDGAR BUNDY, is identical to subject.

94-0-262 and 47-0-1867 are also subject files on EDGAR C. BUNDY.

In file 94-960, EDGAR C. BUNDY is mentioned throughout the file and this file should be reviewed by agent.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA (CLA)

EDGAR C. BUNDY
1407 Hill Avenue
Wheaton, Illinois

100-15742-10

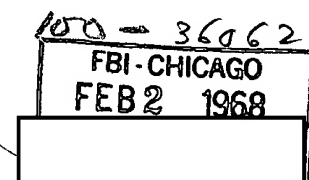
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DIRECTOR, FBI

January 10, 1957

SAC, CHICAGO (100-NEW)

CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA
INFORMATION CONCERNING,
SECURITY MATTER - MISCELLANEOUS

The following is submitted for your information:

By cover letter dated December 14, 1956, EDGAR C. BUNDY, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, sent to this office pieces of literature which literature BUNDY suggested this office might be interested in. BUNDY stated he obtained the literature from "a very reliable lady in [redacted] Illinois". Also submitted by BUNDY was a letter to him dated November 29, 1956 from a Mrs. [redacted] Illinois, in which letter Mrs. [redacted] tells of obtaining the literature "at a meeting in Decatur (Illinois) a short time ago". *Redacted* b6 b7C

For the information of the Springfield Division:

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BUNDY claims to be an ordained Baptist minister, that he has lectured on the continent and abroad on the subject of Communist infiltration and concentrated his remarks on the Communist infiltration of religious organizations. BUNDY in 1955 served as an advisor to the American Legion, Illinois District, on the Anti-Subversive Committee. In 1955, he was also President of the Abraham Lincoln National Republican Club at 82 West Washington Street, Chicago. *gr* b6 b7C

The Bureau has advised that the Washington City News Service release of March 27, 1955 reflects the Abraham Lincoln National Republican Club announced a campaign to seize control of the GOP in the 1956 convention for Party "conservatives". BUNDY is described as Club President and an ardent supporter of Senator JOSEPH R. MC CARTHY. *Orig* b6 b7C

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Also for the information of Springfield, information has been received concerning BUNDY that he also apparently deliberately misled the Bureau in attempting to obtain a Bureau speaker before a purely political group in October, 1954 in the Chicago area. *Also* *R-3*

The Bureau has advised that in view of BUNDY's background, contacts with him are to be most circumspect. *100-15745*

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It is noted that at one time BUNDY was investigated for impersonation.

Literature submitted by BUNDY are pamphlets of a throw-away type and are as follows:

1) A fifteen page pamphlet "Colonialism and The United Nations Proposals for Charter Amendments" published by "Toward Freedom", self-described as "A news letter on colonial affairs" at 343 South Dearborn Street, Chicago.

2) A four page pamphlet "There's No Safety In Armaments" published by the American Friends Service Committee Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

3) A nineteen page pamphlet "Plenty Pattern for Peace" published by the Public Relations Department, Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

4) A one page undated throw-away pamphlet "Do You Agree with these famous men on The Way To Peace and Plenty?" which contains statements of our known public figures in the United States on this subject.

5) A two page throw-away type pamphlet "Man's Peril from the Hydrogen Bomb" published by the Friends Peace Committee, Friends House, Euston Road, London, N.W. 1 (England).

6) A six page pamphlet "Negotiation - not Appeasement" published by the American Friends Service Committee in Cambridge, Massachusetts and printed by permission of the National Peace Council of London, England.

BUNDY's cover letter enclosing the above literature is as follows: "National Laymen's Council, Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois".

The last two paragraphs of BUNDY's letter are set forth:

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"As you can see from the above letterhead I have taken over the Church League of America which has been fighting subversion in the religious and educational fields since 1937 and has approved tax exemption status from the Internal Revenue Service.

"I have very extensive files here at our new office headquarters in Wheaton and we run many security checks for private corporations and individuals. If at any time you would like to drop out on your own and see what we have available please feel free to do so".

The Chicago Division has no interest in the literature furnished by BUNDY and does not contemplate contacting BUNDY to review his files.

BUNDY requested that the literature he submitted be returned to him, which was done by cover letter of this date.

In view of BUNDY's past background and present activities it is not believed contact with BUNDY is desirable. He was advised by letter this date that his interest is appreciated and that if his organization issues or obtains additional literature of possible interest to the Bureau to feel free to submit it.

By letter from Mrs. [redacted] Illinois dated November 29, 1956, which BUNDY also enclosed, was an account of a meeting attended by Mrs. [redacted] states in this letter that "My family and two friends attended this meeting because we thought it sounded red". This letter primarily consisted of Mrs. [redacted] feelings toward the unidentified speakers at the meeting and of how she and her friends attempted to engage the speakers in argument.

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Chicago is opening a 100- Dead case on the Church League of America for its own convenience.

For the Bureau's information BUNDY is listed as Editor of "News and Views", monthly publication of captioned subject. This publication is regularly furnished to Central Research Section, Bufile 100-158864.

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62-4545-54

On 11-21-60, EDGAR C. BUNDY, representing the Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, phone Montrose 8-3630, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and advised that [redacted] had listed SA [redacted] as a reference in making application for employment with CLA. MR. BUNDY was advised that as a representative of the FBI such a recommendation could not be given.

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It is to be noted that [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] 7 or 8 years ago on 2 or 3 occasions in connection with security investigations. It is SA [redacted] recollection that she at one time had been employed by the Tenney Committee in the state of California and had done considerable work in connection with investigations of the CP in that state.

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It is also SA [redacted] recollection that while in Chicago contact with her was avoided because of some incident reflecting on her reliability.

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MR. BUNDY advised that the CLA is engaged in compiling information regarding CP and Communist front activity in the U.S. Its office is in Wheaton, Illinois.

He further stated that he is well acquainted with Inspector CARTHA DE LOACH.

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See attached Xerox for reference.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-110935)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-43253)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONVENTION OF NEW
POLITICS (NCP)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ROGER C. BENT, Church League of Africa (CLA),
422 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, appeared at this
office on 8/31/07, with three individuals, [REDACTED]

BUNDY introduced [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnishing
information regarding Students for a Democratic Society, the
W. E. Du Bois Clubs of America, Young Socialist Alliance
and other front groups in the Chicago area for the past
several years.

[REDACTED] The Convention
of the NCP, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] accused of disruptive tactics in connection
with NCP meetings. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] article appearing in the 8/31/07,
edition of the "Chicago Tribune" linking CP members with
the convention [REDACTED]

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[redacted] BUNDY stated that documents furnished to CIA [redacted]
[redacted] regarding KOMP could be made available to the
FBI at a later date if desired.

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[redacted] furnished information to the FBI,
Chicago, on a voluntary basis in the past, however, no
efforts have been made to develop him as a PSI [redacted]
[redacted] also membership in
the John Birch Society.

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The above is being furnished the Bureau for their
information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 04-28-2009

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 8/31/67

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]
INFO-CONCERNING

NATL CONF ON
NEW POLITICS

AT 10:30 p.m. this date, EDGAR C. BUNDY, Church
League of America, 422 North Prospect, Wheaton, Illinois,
telephone number 668-3630; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Washington, D.C.; and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Vienna, Virginia; appeared at the Chicago Office.

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BUNDY introduced captioned subject [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for the Church League of America who has been
active in the National Conference on New Politics in the
pre-conference stage [REDACTED]
for the convention meetings currently being held at the
Palmer House Hotel.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] collecting information concerning the activities of the
DuBois Club in the Chicago area, the Student for a Democratic
Society, Young Socialist Alliance, and other front group
activities. [REDACTED]

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During the past two years he has obtained a number of
documents, mailing lists, and other such material [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] became affiliated with the Church League of America
[REDACTED]
in Chicago. During this period he has obtained a number of
documents relating to the convention and those who are attending
the convention [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] accused of disruptive tactics in
connection with the NCNP meetings namely that he was responsible
for the article appearing in today's Chicago Tribune linking
Communist Party members with this convention [REDACTED]

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representatives of "Black Power!" [redacted]
[redacted]
ARNOLD JOHNSON on August 29, 1967, at the NCNP meetings [redacted]
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BUNDY stated that he desired [redacted] make his story known to the FBI and to advise the FBI that the documents he had obtained which are now in the possession of the Church League of America in Wheaton, will be available for examination by the Bureau at any time.

BUNDY was told that appropriate action would be taken regarding information set forth above.

BUNDY requested that he be contacted ~~px~~ so that suitable arrangements may be made to make the documents available ^{to} agents for review.

BUNDY indicated he has been making a number of public appearances including television programs of the discussion type during which time he has defended official Government policy in Viet Nam and domestic policy in relation to Communism and other subversive forces in the United States. His next appearance is on the At Random Show next Saturday.

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DU PAGE COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU
WHEATON, ILLINOIS

157-382-99

On 3-13-67, SA [] searched the files of the DuPage County Credit Bureau, Wheaton, Illinois.

These files reflected that EDGAR C. BUNDY, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, is listed as Director of CLA, 310 W. Evergreen, Wheaton, Illinois, phone 668-3630, with salary of \$16,000 a year in 1964. Also in 1964 BUNDY was listed as graduate of Wheaton college, Wheaton, Illinois, and []. He is also described as Lecturer, Air Force Officer (former) with distinguished career, former intelligence officer interested in "ultra conservative politics," and has excellent "1A" credit rating.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN CLUB

CHICAGO AMERICAN

100-125-8335

The Chicago American, Diamond Final Edition, May 14, 1953, page 4, column 8, carried an article entitled "Due for Two Talks, VELDE TO BARE RED PERIL HERE".

Article reflects that Congressman VELDE (R) of Pekin, Illinois, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Investigating Committee, is due in Chicago tomorrow for two addresses.

VELDE will be honor guest at testimonial dinner of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN CLUB tomorrow night at the Morrison Hotel Terrace Casino. He will speak on recent committee hearings exposing Communist Activities. At 3:30 pm, Saturday, he will give "A Report on the Increase of Communist Activity in the United States" at the annual 2-day Counter-Subversive Seminar sponsored by the American Legion, Department of Illinois, at the Morrison.

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Captain EDGAR BUNDY, Club President, stated that many state officials and legislators, and leaders of both Republican and Democratic parties will be among the 1,000 patrons at the dinner. Governor Stratton is sending a representative.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

140-0-587A

The Chicago Tribune, Two Star City Edition, page 6, column 1, part 1, 2-12-56, carried an article entitled "Declares Ike Keeps Leftists in State Department." "Historian Says Records are Distorted" by FRANK HUGHES.

Article reflects that BRYTON BARRON, ex-state department historian, charged that the Republican administration of President Eisenhower has failed to clean New Dealers and left wingers out of the state department before the annual seminar of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL REPUBLICAN club in the Morrison hotel and that as a result, state records are being distorted to protect former President's Roosevelt and Truman and their Democratic political followers, and honest scholars in the department are intimidated and squelched.

BARRON, second historian to leave the department and denounce its policies, was the compiler of the Yalta papers, and one of six speakers at the Republican club's seminar, attended by \$1,000 persons.

Chairman of the day long session was EDGAR C. BUNDY, President of the Club.

INDIVIDUALS UNITED FOR ACTION AGAINST COMMUNISM

CHICAGO SUNDAY TRIBUNE

100-0-86903 pl

The Chicago Sunday Tribune, 2 Star Final Edition, Jan 14, 1962, Chicago, Illinois, page 2, column 1, part VIII, carried an article entitled PLANS (illegible) SERIES OF

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TALKS ON COMMUNISM.

Article reflects that a special lecture series on Communism, starting 8 pm Thursday in Downers Grove Community High School, is being presented by a new civic group called, Individuals United for Action Against Communism, 4820 Prospect Ave., Downers Grove.

CLARENCE MANION, former dean of the Notre Dame university law school and an expert on United States Constitutional law will speak first on "Americanism versus Communism, of which there will be five lectures, according to ROBERT POWERS, Downers Grove, chairman of the civic group.

Other speakers will include DR. ARTHUR CONRAD, Pres. of the Heritage Foundation of Chicago; ROBERT SIEGRIST, WAIT radio commentator; CHARLES KERSTEN, ex-congressman from Milwaukee; and MAJ. EDGAR BUNDY, head of the Church League of America in Wheaton. Tickets for the series may be bought at the door or by writing to the civic group at the above address.

RUSSELL F. HAMILTON,
CHAIRMAN PROGRAM COMMITTEE
4730 SEELEY, DOWNERS
GROVE, ILLINOIS

100-0-86903A

Letter to MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, FBI, Washington, D.C., from RUSSELL F. HAMILTON, Chairman of the Program Committee, 4730 Seeley, Downers Grove, Ill., 11-26-62, on letterhead paper of the Individuals United For Action Against Communism, Box 326, Downers Grove, Ill.,

Letter reflects that a series of three anti-communism talks aimed at educating the people of this community to the very real dangers Communism poses to our basic freedoms, are being set up.

The first successful series of five speakers was earlier this year, held at the Downers Grove Illinois High School auditorium which seats 1200. The crowd averaged 650-750. The five speakers were CLARENCE E. MANION, DR. A. CONRAD, BOB SIEGRIST, CHARLES KERSTEN, AND EDGAR C. BUNDY.

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The dates for the current series are: Wednesday, April 24, Wednesday May 1, and Wednesday May 8, 1963, starting at 8 PM and lasting approximately one hour followed by a question and answer period.

LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST COMMITTEE

WILLIAM KIPP
U.S. MARSHAL
OLD POST OFFICE BLDG.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

100-26750-135

See attached Xerox for reference.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-26750)

DATE: April 26, 1954

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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WILLIAM KIPP, U. S. Marshall, Old Post Office Building, Chicago, Illinois, on April 6, 1954 telephonically requested from this office an agent to contact him as he had an individual in his office who could furnish the FBI with information concerning [REDACTED] (LSC member [REDACTED])

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At the U. S. Marshall's Office, EDGAR C. BUNDY, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, was introduced to the writer. BUNDY advised he is an ordained Baptist minister stating he lectures in the Continent and abroad on the subject of infiltration of Communism concentrating on the infiltration of Communism into religious organizations.

BUNDY stated he had just returned from a speaking engagement in Detroit, Michigan when State Representative LOTTIE HOLMAN O'NEILL telephonically requested of him on March 28, 1954 to contact JOHN FORBES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. O'NEILL stated she had talked with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was being mistreated; [REDACTED]

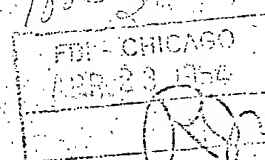
[REDACTED] injuring his wrist and had received no medical attention; that the police had thrown ice water on him; that the police had tried to force [REDACTED] to sign a card stating that he would register for the draft; that they were not allowed to see [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was not eating or taking water.

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O'NEILL requested BUNDY to contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] JOHN FORBES, and attempt to determine where they obtained their information concerning their charges about [REDACTED] mistreatment.

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cc: 100-27035 (JOHN FORBES)



MEMO, SAC

RE: LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST COMMITTEE
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BUNDY stated he contacted [redacted]
[redacted] March 30, 1954 at 2 PM and
left at 4 pm.

During the discussion [redacted]
[redacted] was quite emotional and put most of the
blame on U. S. District Judge BARNES [redacted]
[redacted] BUNDY advised he learned
JOHN FORBES had attended the University of Chicago, before
he was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II, and
that he had no objection in serving in the Army at that
time. [redacted] while he was in
the service, he started to develop his present attitude
of a passivist, and at the present time he is an atheist.
[redacted] believes in the fellow-
ship of man and that all countries and peoples are brothers
and that they should never take up arms against each other.

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[redacted]
[redacted] recently been receiving literature from The
Fellowship of Reconciliation, 1740 Rush Street, Chicago,
Illinois, and the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors,
2006 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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[redacted] these organizations
are against war in any form and that they worked to foster
good will among nations, races and classes.

[redacted] is against
Communism [redacted] might be furnishing
good propaganda material for the Communists (referring
to the photograph in the recent Chicago newspapers of
JOHN FORBES being dragged from the U. S. District Court)
he would probably be willing to serve in the Army. [redacted]
[redacted] was wrong for not
registering for the 1948 Selective Service Act and had no
recourse for his action.

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BUNDY concluded his interview with the writer
stating he was of the opinion that the Fellowship of
Reconciliation, whose main office is 21 Auduon Avenue,
New York 32, New York, is being infiltrated by CP members
from Europe.

MEMO, SAC

RE: LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST COMMITTEE
IS - LSC

He stated the CP sends speakers to this country under the guise of religious representatives, so that they can qualify to enter the U. S. under the McCarran laws and then proceed to preach passivism, non-compliance with U. S. laws along with preaching other CP lines.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (SWP)

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On 11-16-55, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA RALPH D. HARMON that on 11-15-55, the Local Executive Committee (LEC) of the Chicago SWP Branch, held a regular weekly meeting on the third floor at 777 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The original writing of the oral information of the informant is being retained in [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] served as Chairman of the meeting.

[REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] stated that he had sent the SEP National Office the information that they had requested concerning EDGAR BUNDY of the American Legion.

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, (UNESCO)

SUN TIMES

138-0-53 p1

The Sun Times, Thursday, Oct 7, 1955, page 2, carried an article entitled "Legion Condemns UNESCO, Demands U.S. Cut Mast Ties" by CARL LARSEN, Sun-Times Staff Correspondent.

Article reflects that in Miami, The American Legion has demanded the U.S. Pull out of UNESCO.

The stated purpose of UNESCO is working for peace through educational, scientific, and cultural channels. Many U.S. organizations have taken part. The Secretary-General is LUTHER EVANS, former librarian of Congress with headquarters in Paris.

The main points in the anti-UNESCO report which

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3,000 delegates to Legion's 37th annual convention roared approval for are:

1. A demand that Congress abolish the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO and its secretariat.

2. A reiteration that the Legion refuse to name a delegate to the national commission.

3. A request that Congress deliver "mandates to all administrative departments" in the government to desist from distributing UNESCO materials, reports, and programs in the nation.

4. An appeal to all U.S. educational institutions and local boards of education to desist from using educational materials of UNESCO "propounding world citizenship and adherence to a nebulous world government."

5. An order to the Legion's National headquarters "to immediately make available" for distribution "a documented report" on UNESCO made on 5-1-55.

The anti-UNESCO report was signed by three men. One is EDGAR C. BUNDY of Wheaton, Illinois., secretary of the joint 60-man Legion foreign relations and Americanism committee that drafted it.

The other two are State Senator, ROGERS KELLEY, of Edinburg, Texas, and ARCHIE M. COLSSON of California.

OTHER INFORMATION

REVEREND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHURCH OF BRETHREN,
1322 CHASE STREET, CINCINNATI,
OHIO.

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On 2-19-53, Reverend [REDACTED]

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Church of Brethren, [redacted] Ohio appeared at the Cincinnati office with a booklet captioned "Communism Invading the Churches - The New Per-Version of the Bible," messages delivered by CAPTAIN EDGAR BUNDY in the Lockland Baptist Church, 326 Mill Street, Lockland, Ohio. This booklet has a foreward by DR. JOHN W. RAWLINGS, Pastor, Cincinnati's Lockland Baptist Church and President of the Baptist Bible Fellowship.

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The pages of the book are not numbered but what should be pages 28 and 29, contain a letter received from the Director on 6-1-51, which Captain BUNDY made reference to because it thanked him for making certain information available to the FBI. BUNDY made further reference to the statements made by the Director before the HCUA concerning Communist infiltration of the churches.

Reverend [redacted] stated that these speeches made by BUNDY was an attempt by BUNDY to show the new Bible was written by a council of men controlled by the Communist Party.

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It is noted that BUNDY's home address is 1407 Hill Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

EDGAR C. BUNDY

100-21957-19

See attached Xerox for reference.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-95)

April 29, 1955

SAC, CHICAGO (100-21957)

COMMUNIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE FBI

On April 27, 1955, EDGAR C. BUNDY, aka Captain Edgar C. Bundy, IMPERSONATION (Bufile 62-94934) furnished the following information concerning a debate on the evening of April 26, 1955, at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, at which debate derogatory allegations were made against the Director, the FBI, Attorney General BROWNELL, and Secretary of State DULLES.

BUNDY advised that the debate was on the question, "Should the Broyles Bill Be Passed by the Illinois Legislature". BUNDY stated he and WALTER WILES, Former Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, and past commander of the Cook County American Legion, debated with him for the passage of these bills.

It is noted that Illinois Senate Bills 58 and 59, known as the Broyles Bill, among other provisions, authorizes the State of Illinois to obtain loyalty oaths from state employees.

For your information, BUNDY advised that he is an ordained Baptist minister, and that he has lectured on the continent and aboard on the subject of Communist infiltration and concentrated his remarks on the Communist infiltration of religious organizations. At the present time, BUNDY advised that he serves as an advisor to the American Legion, Illinois District, on the Anti-Subversive Committee. He stated that he is also president of the Abraham Lincoln Republican Club, a Republican Party organization with offices at 82 West Washington, 3rd floor, Chicago.

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(Communist Attacks Against the FBI) (INFO)

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST ATTACKS AGAINST
THE FBI

Concerning the debate, BUNDY advised that his two opponents were Professors ROBERT H. STROTZ and one T. DIESCHWEINITZ, both from the Economic Department at Northwestern University. Telephonic information from Northwestern reflects that Assistant Professor Dr. KARL (NMN) DIESCHWEINITZ, and Assistant Professor Dr. ROBERT H. STROTZ are both in the Northwestern University's Economic Department.

According to BUNDY, DIESCHWEINITZ stated in his talk that "nothing is wrong with subversion" and that there is no evidence of any subversion in the United States today contrary to the propaganda of the "so called Security agencies". DIESCHWEINITZ stated it is for this reason (above), that there is no need for Security legislation. DIESCHWEINITZ also said that the "new deal" is attempting to push through anti-Communist legislation to prevent social progress.

According to BUNDY, DIESCHWEINITZ continued along the above line and concluded that the State Department and "DULLES" are going to plunge the United States into war because of anti-Communist legislation. DIESCHWEINITZ added that the whole purpose of the anti-Communist legislation is to prevent freedom of speech and to spread the fear of subversion in the United States.

BUNDY stated that STROTZ in his speech stated that those who are engaged in the anti-Communist fight have ulterior motives in backing anti-Communist legislation; he said their purpose is to "get" anybody who disagrees with their (anti-Communist fighters) thinking.

BUNDY said that STROTZ then stated that the super-patriots consisted of flag waving people who wore overseas caps. He said the people who wore these overseas caps (referring to the GI's, according to BUNDY), followed the Fascist line: i.e. HITLER and MUSSOLINI.

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BUNDY then stated that STROTZ said "J. EDGAR HOOVER was not infallible and I for one do not believe what HOOVER has to say about subversion." BUNDY stated that STROTZ then stated that the FBI is ambitious. BUNDY stated that STROTZ did not elaborate on this statement.

BUNDY said STROTZ continued and quoted from an editorial from the "Denver Post", date unknown, which congratulated the State of Illinois on its handling of the subversion issue. The article according to STROTZ stated that the Chicago Board of Education did not pay any attention to FBI reports sent to them containing allegations of a subversive nature concerning Chicago area teachers.

STROTZ also stated that Attorney General BROWNELL is fighting Communism for political reasons.

BUNDY stated that both STROTZ and DIERSCHWEINIZ were very emotional speakers and had the students attending this debate "in the palm of their hands and in a high pitch." He stated he vigorously defended Mr. HOOVER and the FBI advising the audience that the FBI only disseminates its reports to the interested agencies of the Executive Branch of the Government. He said he also used such source material as Mr. HOOVER's public statements before Congress and Attorney General BROWNELL's current interview contained in the April 29, 1955 issue of "U. S. News and World Reports".

BUNDY stated that at the conclusion of the debate an unidentified individual in the audience stood up and pointed to a no smoking sign and said he wanted the visitors (BUNDY and WILES) to know that just because some of the audience smoked it did not mean that they were revolutionists, but that perhaps they could not read.

BUNDY said he tried to get a point across to the audience and answered this unidentified man stating that the State of Illinois feels justified in having driving laws such as speed limits, and that just because these speed limits

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are broken does not mean that people cannot read. BUNDY stated he was then going to explain the need for security legislation, but at this point STROTZ jumped to his feet and stated "it is a healthy situation when one goes counter to the laws -- this shows a spirit of revolution which is a healthy thing."

BUNDY stated the debate concluded on this "utterly distraught tone."

The files of the Chicago Office contain no information on KARL DIESCHWEINIYK.

The files of the Chicago Office on STROTZ reflect in a New York report dated November 16, 1953 by SA MORGAN J. LACEY captioned "ALUMINUM CORPORATION, aka" etc. "MISCELLANEOUS -- INFORMATION CONCERNING. (Espionage)" that on August 12, 1953, [redacted] on his account with the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, Queens, New York, payable to ROBERT STROTZ, Bank endorsement, State Bank and Trust Company, Evanston, Illinois. Bufile on this report is 65-60731.

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By report of SA FREDERICK W. GANNON dated February 4, 1954, on the same caption as the above, the Bureau was advised that the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., and the Chicago Police Department contained no information on STROTZ.

The files of the Chicago Office do not contain any further information on [redacted]. It is assumed that [redacted] is an official connected with the company in the New York report mentioned above.

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For the information of the Bureau, BUNDY was interviewed at his office, 82 West Washington, Chicago, by SA [redacted].

The above is being submitted to the Bureau for its information and no action is being taken by the Chicago Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY INFILTRATION
OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: January 23, 1956

Enclosed is a Photostat of a transcript of a hearing before an executive session of the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Laws, Committee of the Judiciary, U.S. Senate, held at Washington, D. C., on January 10, 1956. The hearing consisted of testimony of Edgar Clifford Bundy, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, on the subject of subversive propaganda in the public schools of Evanston, Illinois.

You will note that Bundy described himself as a former Captain in the Intelligence Division, U.S. Air Force, and a present consultant to the Anti-Subversive Commission of the American Legion, Department of Illinois. Bundy furnished to the Subcommittee copies of various publications of an allegedly subversive nature, obtained from schools in Evanston, Illinois. Bundy suggested that the Subcommittee consider sending an investigator to Illinois. The transcript reflects on page 26 that Senator Herman Welker, Chairman at the hearing, stated that the staff of the Subcommittee would study the material presented by Bundy, and thereafter the full Committee would decide what action should be taken.

You are instructed to review the enclosed testimony carefully and to analyze it in connection with any relevant information of a similar nature available in your files. You should make certain that any allegations within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau relating to incidents described in referenced testimony, and similar matters, have been, or are being given proper attention by your office. In view of the interest of the Subcommittee in possible Communist influence or infiltration within the Illinois school system, you should be particularly alert to insure that the Bureau's responsibilities in this connection are properly discharged, and you should keep the Bureau fully advised of significant developments.

Enclosure

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Letter to SAC, Chicago

A Photostat of the above testimony is also enclosed with a copy of this letter for the information and attention of the Springfield office, which should also be guided by the instructions given above.

Both offices are cautioned that information developed in an executive session should be treated strictly confidential and should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

Chicago is specifically referred to previous correspondence from the Bureau regarding Bundy in which the Bureau instructed the Chicago office to be most circumspect in any contacts with Bundy because of his controversial political activities and because he had misled the Bureau in September, 1954, in attempting to obtain a Bureau speaker for a purely political meeting. No attempt, therefore, should be made to interview Bundy regarding captioned matter without obtaining specific Bureau authority.

NOTE: Due to the fact that summary is too voluminous to summarize, it is suggested that agent review it.

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THE WORKER

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The Worker, Illinois Edition, 12-9-56, page 15, column 4, carried an article entitled "Fascists Rally At Witch Hunt.", Chicago.

Article reflects that the HUAC hearings last week become a rallying point for the fascist lunatic fringe of Chicago. Some 40 members of anti-Negro and anti-Semitic organizations were there to support the witch-hunt proceedings.

A large group was brought to the hearing by EDGAR BUNDY, a professional MC Carthyite who is active here in Republican Party groupings which have an openly pro-fascist program.

BUNDY was associated with Senator PAUL BROYLES in the repeated efforts to fasten the notorious BROYLES bills on the people of Illinois. He appeared repeatedly as a so-called "expert" witness in Springfield smearing liberal and labor organizations which opposed the BROYLES bills.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-0)

DATE: 12/29/59

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Mr. [REDACTED]
Illinois, and [REDACTED] California,
on December 14, 1959, advised they have information
concerning one [REDACTED] who presently
is [REDACTED] Illinois. It is to be
noted that [REDACTED] was the principal source
from whom this complaint was taken and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was accompanying him.

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[REDACTED] who advised he is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that he felt that captioned [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was part of, and furthering the cause of
Communism in the United States. He classified [REDACTED]
as a liberal thinker, who was propagating a Communist
Party (CP) line in his teaching and thinking as a
[REDACTED] He said
that [REDACTED] supposedly came to Joliet from San
Francisco or Toledo, Ohio, or Rye, New York, the
exact city [REDACTED] could not establish. He stated
that [REDACTED] had done considerable extensive
reading into Communist doctrine and techniques and
in his mind is convinced that [REDACTED] is attempting
to further principles in the minds of the youth of
the above [REDACTED] which eventually will lead to
Communism. He stated that from his observation of
[REDACTED] is sponsoring, and in favor of, a
curriculum of "collectivism".

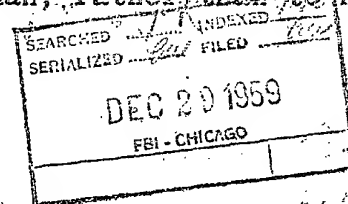
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As a part of this "collectivism", [REDACTED]
is furthering and advocating the idea of the Humanity
in CHRIST rather than the Divinity of CHRIST. [REDACTED]
further advised that [REDACTED] is advocating the revised
standard version of the Bible, which is replacing the
King James Version, in which there are numerous references
which refer to CHRIST as a mere man, rather than to his
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[redacted] recently had an article in the new quarterly of the "Social Progress", which is a quarterly magazine published by the Westminster Press.

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[redacted] advised that he has frequented Major EDGAR C. BUNNY, 1407 Hill Street, Wheaton, Illinois, who is a speech lecturer for the Church League of America, which is opposed to "collectivism" of some churches in America. He advised that this "collectivism" is urging collective thinking toward the Humanity in CHRIST rather than an individual thinking of the Divinity of CHRIST.

[redacted] has been in Joliet for approximately the past year of year and a half. He stated that he was a friend of [redacted] [redacted] first arrived in the city, but that subsequently, since he has learned of [redacted] leaning and thinking toward "collectivism" and the Divinity of CHRIST, he has ceased association with [redacted]

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He stated that sometime ago while he was still friends with [redacted] frequented [redacted] at his office. [redacted] at that time said that he needed the signatures of two clergymen and a layman on some papers which he had on his desk. [redacted] had these papers covered, and that he, [redacted] signed these papers without knowing the contents or the purpose of these papers.

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[redacted] wished to make it a matter of record with the FBI that since he has learned of the leaning and teaching of [redacted] he is no longer an associate of [redacted] and that he signed these papers without knowing the content and purpose. He stated that he now feels these papers possibly might be used for some front organization to which [redacted] might possibly belong.

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[redacted] advised that above mentioned Major BUNDY gave a speech at one of the local public schools in Joliet recently in which BUNDY exposed the collective type thinking of some ministers of some churches. He stated that [redacted] was set against BUNDY's appearance, but went to the lecture at the end of which he became infuriated at BUNDY.

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[redacted] further advised that recently [redacted] where he made the following statement to [redacted] "you could have an accident and who would know the difference". [redacted] stated that he believes [redacted] thought that no one was present [redacted] however, [redacted] said he had arranged to have a [redacted] presently serving in the U.S. Air Force, [redacted] Joliet, Illinois, secreted in the [redacted] made the above statement. [redacted] stated he also wished to make the above statement by [redacted] a matter of record in the FBI files.

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Mr. [redacted] was advised that the above information which he furnished, appeared to be a matter between himself and [redacted] but that the information he furnished would be made a matter of record.

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On 2-7-61, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Illinois, [REDACTED] Young Christian
Students at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Downers Grove, Ill.
telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] at his home and ad-
vised that this group had a discussion on Communism and have
developed the idea there is a local problem involved. [REDACTED]
further advised this discussion started as a result of an
address given by MAJOR EDGAR BUNDY of Wheaton, Illinois, on
"Collectivism in the Church" to the Holy Name Society of St.
Joseph's Church.

CHICAGO SUNDAY SUN TIMES

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The Chicago Sunday Sun Times, 4 Star Final, 1-21-62,
page 3, column 1, carried an article entitled "Ultraconservatism
in Chicago's Suburbs" by PETER DEUEL.

Article reflects a brush fire campaign is in progress
in a dozen communities to kindle ultraconservatism led by a
group of right-wing political evangelists.

The campaign has many individual elements, but the
methods employed are the same. A civic club, in some cases
a group of them, sponsors a series of lectures advertised
as history lessons on Communist conspiracy.

There are striking similarities between these
suburban "history lessons" and the blueprint for action of
the John Birch Society, a band of right-wingers who have
attacked former PRES. EISENHOWER and U.S. Chief Justice EARL
WARREN as red agents.

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ROBERT W. WELCH, a retired Belmont, Mass. candy maker, is founder of the society.

The idea for the lectures came from EDWIN M. GILLEN, a beautician and head of the Legion post's Americanism committee.

Article reflects that GILLEN said that most study groups could start out with a man like EDGAR C. BUNDY (Wheaton self styled Communist hater and long-time advocate of extreme right-wing views). The study group is more intimate. There's a lot of book work to be done. It would be a 6 to 10 part series.

Photographs of the following individuals appear in this article:

EDGAR C. BUNDY
CLARENCE E. MANION
DR. FRED C. SCHWARZ

THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

157-115-3 p2

The Chicago Daily News, Red Streak Edition, 2-9-62, page 36, column 1, carried an article entitled "Suburbs Group Sets Seminar to Fight Reds" "'Blue' Conservatives Chosen as Speakers" "Sixth in a series on leaders of 'blue' or ultra-conservative groups in the Chicago area and their expanding activities," by JOSEPH HAAS.

Article reflects that 2 dozen young marrieds in Downers Grove wanted to "do something" to help their nation in the Cold War against communism. Their answer was an anti-Communist Seminar. Five leaders of the "blue" conservative movement were chosen as their speakers.

The birth of this seminar, typical of dozens of such programs in Chicago and it's suburbs may serve as a guide, to help understand the new "anit-communism".

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They got permission to use Downers Grove high school auditorium and decided to charge \$3.00 for the lecture series --students \$2.50.

The JAYCEES, The Chamber of Commerce, the Legion, Rotary, the Junior Woman's Club and others supported them.

The first speaker, CLARENCE MANION, a national councillor of the John Birch Society, spoke on January 18.

The seminar will conclude 2-18-62 with MAJ. EDGAR C. BUNDY, director of the CIA, Wheaton, talking on communism and religion. BUNDY champions 'blue' conservative charges that the National Council of Churches has been infiltrated by Communists.

Mr. ALDO CAROZZO, a Downers Grove Community High School history teacher and a founder of the seminar suggested MR. BUNDY. He had read some of BUNDY's writings, met him and was impressed by him.

MRS. [REDACTED] Downer's Grove, [REDACTED] stated she didn't like the way BUNDY attacks people, but they say when you meet him personally you change your opinion of him.

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On 5-21-65, MRS. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted SA RALPH D. HARMON and advised she had been contacted by EDGAR BUNDY, Church League of America, re HCUA hearings in Chicago beginning 5-25-65. She advised she had been interested in his group and knew him quite well and he requested her assistance in connection with these hearings. She advised that he had suggested she call different individuals in order to assure that the hearing rooms would be neutral, so the public could get a just view of all taking place.

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She stated she called about 300 men and woman and expected the majority of them to attend the hearings in order that some could be held without interruption and the witnesses would not be intimidated by the majority of the hearing room comprised of the radical element.

It is noted that [redacted] have been friends of [redacted] for many years and that on previous occasions they have furnished this office information concerning [redacted] now residing in Mexico, whom they believe to have communist affiliations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE 04-29-2009

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 9/3/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY.

[REDACTED] appeared at the reception desk, Chicago Office, 9/2/65, and requested to speak to the Special Agent in Charge. Inasmuch as the SAC was engaged in another matter at that time Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed by the writer. [REDACTED] advised that by way of background he is a "avid anti-Communist" and in order that the writer would not deem him to be a "nut or mentally deranged person" he desired to furnish the following info concerning himself. He is a white male, 36 years of age, having been born in the [REDACTED] but has spent most of his adult life in Wheaton, Illinois. He is a graduate of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is a devout Christian and currently holds a position in the [REDACTED] Chicago (telephone [REDACTED]) He has had considerable experience as a mechanical engineer and was employed in such capacity with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] near San Jose, California, at which time he resided in [REDACTED] California. He has read over 350 books concerning Communism and political affairs, has delivered lectures and speeches before various groups on the West Coast and in the Chicago area concerning Communism and its threat to the Government of the U.S. and deems himself one of the "few experts in the field". He is a "devout believer in the conservative cause" and although he is not a dues paying member of the John Birch Society (it would cost him \$24.00 a year which he cannot afford) he is certainly a believer in the Society's policies. He believes that the Government of the U.S. is controlled by the Communists and basis his belief on the fact that the current President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, former President JOHN F. KENNEDY and the current Secretary of State DEAN RUSK have all adhered to the "liberal Communist philosophy". He is a Christian and does not believe in violence per se and is an advocate of law and order. He respects the governmental

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offices of President and Cabinet officials but has no use for the "liberals" occupying these positions". He definitely believes that DEAN RUSK is committing daily acts of "legalized treason", and should DEAN RUSK be lawfully convicted of his acts of treason he, [redacted] would welcome the opportunity to participate in the firing squad that would execute RUSH.

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After elaborating on the above qualifications as an anti-Communist and stating his views he furnished the following as to the reason for his visit to the FBI:

He related that while working for [redacted] Company in California for 5 years (1958-1963) he met a [redacted] He was stimulated by [redacted] philosophy and for the first time learned of the deadly menace of Communism and its fellow travelers. He once informed [redacted] that the ships employed to take Canadian wheat to Red China should be sunk and is of the definite impression that [redacted] reported this statement to the FBI inasmuch as he was shortly thereafter visited by two FBI Agents in San Jose, California, concerning his statements about "sinking ships". He recalled one of the agents as [redacted] and the other he did not remember. He said he informed the agents that he was a law bidding citizen and did not contemplate sinking any ships but definitely felt that the ships should be sunk as they were providing wheat to the Red Chinese who were only interested in one thing, "taking over Americans and killing the patriots of America". He advised that in 1963 he returned to Wheaton, Illinois, where [redacted] Major EDGAR C. BUNDY, Executive Director of the Church League of America. He said that he completed research and wrote numerous articles in the "conservative vein" and always attacking Communism wherever it could be found. [redacted]

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[redacted] BUNDY informed him that he had learned from the FBI that [redacted] had made some statements about sinking ships on the West Coast and should be watched. [redacted] claims that BUNDY often speaks of his close association with the FBI and claims to have an extremely friendly relationship with the FBI.

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[redacted] was advised of the confidential nature of the FBI files and of investigations conducted by the FBI and was informed that the FBI would not disclose the nature of its investigations or info furnished to unauthorized persons, at which time he stated "I know the FBI is the finest agency that has ever existed and it is the only agency that can be trusted. I know the FBI would not inform BUNDY of any information they had concerning me on the West Coast and that BUNDY was just trying to [redacted] as BUNDY knew that I was not satisfied [redacted]"

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[redacted] He said that he wanted to make it clear that today he feels the FBI and its Director, J. EDGAR HOOVER are the last chance that anti-Communists have to save the country. He believes the FBI has saved the country from falling in the hands of the Communists and the future of the U.S. existence depends on the outstanding integrity of Mr. HOOVER and the organization he represents.

[redacted]
[redacted] remarked that he had some "real confidential info, that he felt the FBI was not aware concerning EDGAR C. BUNDY and he wanted to furnish this in the strictest of confidence".

[redacted] BUNDY, from sources that he would refuse to disclose, that BUNDY was "apprehended" by Wheaton College officials during his student days as a homosexual. He is not aware whether or not BUNDY is still a homosexual as he is under the impression BUNDY has tried tremendously to suppress these tendencies during recent years. Even though BUNDY is an avid anti-Communist he has always refused to denounce the Communist and liberals at Wheaton College and [redacted] believes that Wheaton College has actually blackmailed BUNDY by informing BUNDY should he denounce Wheaton College as a "liberal Communist institution" then officials at Wheaton would expose BUNDY's apprehension during his student days.

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Prior to departing [redacted] remarked that he is [redacted]

Illinois in a rooming house and will probably move from there in the immediate future but should the FBI desire to talk to him he could be located through his employment at [redacted]

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He then stated that he wanted to leave one last thought with the FBI as he was not quite sure that the FBI was aware of the seriousness that a few of his conservative friends are attacking the liberal movement.

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This thought he said is this "within the next 5 or 6 years many people across the country will form a program to assassinate the traitors". He said that he believes that the American conservative movement is at a loss to obtain redress in the courts or in Congress and since all of the top government leaders are following the Communist line he is definitely of the impression that within the next 5 or 6 years the conservatives will probably resort to a guerilla movement and will have to assassinate the traitors in order to save the U.S. He said that he was not making this statement as a threat but was merely throwing it out as his personal opinion from talking to many people throughout the U.S.

Chicago indices reveal 100-0-92747 which acknowledged a letter from [redacted] and returned two books "None Dare Call it Treason" and "Lydon's Legacy" which he had furnished to this office. In addition 100-0-57458 reveals a letter from Kansas City dated 1/10/51 concerning "Friends of America Constitution, SM-C", wherein [redacted] of Chicago who "allegedly advocates armed rebellion" is mentioned.

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It is recommended that a letterhead memo be prepared disseminating above to Secret Service concerning [redacted] and that additional background be obtained concerning his activities in California.

[Handwritten signature]

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January 31, 1969

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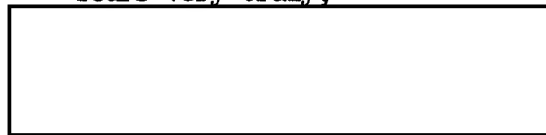
Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephone conversation with Agent [redacted]
[redacted] we are enclosing at your request, ^{SSS}
a letter enclosing a brochure from the Church League of
America, 422 North Prospect Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

Several items in the brochure aroused my suspicion, therefore,
I would like you to relieve my mind in regard to the
validity of this organization.

I would appreciate your comments.

Yours very truly,



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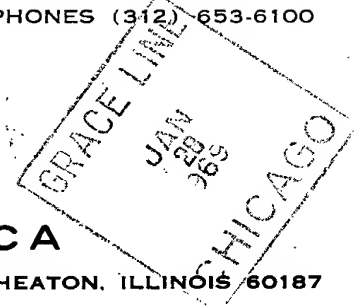
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NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

January 23, 1969

[Redacted]
Grace Line, Inc.
475 Merchandist Mart Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60654

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]:

American businessmen are faced with a grave problem, the extent of which, most are not fully aware. Our working forces include more than a few radicals, socialists, revolutionaries, communists, and trouble-makers of all sorts. The colleges and schools are educating and training thousands more who will soon be seeking employment.

The hiring and training costs to industry for individual workers runs into many thousands of dollars. Before they are employed, their educational and professional backgrounds are screened most carefully. On the other hand, little if anything is done to determine their philosophy of life. In many cases this is of paramount importance.

The Church League of America is non-denominational, non-political, and tax exempt. For 32 years we have been intensely researching the activities of troublesome individuals, groups, and publications, about which management would be well advised to be aware. Our files are the most reliable, comprehensive and complete, and second only to those of the F.B.I. which, of course, are not available to you.

Our founder, Frank J. Loesch, was one of the toughest-minded crime fighters who ever lived. As president of the Chicago Crime Commission, he was directly responsible for putting Al Capone out of circulation. He created the

MMITTEE OF LAYMEN: Mrs. J. Walter Larkin, Mr. Harry N. Stamper, Mr. Ira E. Westbrook, Mr. Edwin L. Wiegand

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Public Enemy List, which was later adopted by the F.B.I., and which is still a potent tool in the fight against crime. Because of his successes in Chicago, Mr. Loesch was appointed by President Hoover to the Wickersham Committee, which was the National Law Enforcement Committee, where he served with great distinction.

We can supply you with all the data regarding your people that you may deem advisable. Data that is fully documented and will stand up in any court of the land...not editorial comment. In return, we seek cooperation to the end that we may modernize and keep abreast of what appears to be an ever-growing need.

My office will be glad to send a representative, at your request, to go into this delicate matter at greater length.

Yours very truly,

search - Edgar C. Bundy SSS

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Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

WHAT IS THE CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA?



**A History of the Organization,
Including Its Founders, Scope of
Activity, and How Individuals
May Participate In Its Mission**

**"Eternal Vigilance
The Price**



**Is Forever
Of Liberty"**

The largest and most comprehensive files on subversive activity, with the single exception of the FBI, are located in the Research Library of the Church League of America in Wheaton, Illinois, 24 miles west of the heart of Chicago.

Into these headquarters come thousands of requests for original source material and documents from every part of the Free World. In addition to visits in person by scholars, pastors, theologians, missionaries, writers, government security personnel, educators and just plain citizens, a floodtide of letters and telegrams asking for complete background reports on individuals, organizations, publications, movements and subjects is received monthly for processing and investigation.

The full name of this organization is: The National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America. It is composed of both clergy and lay people from churches around the world who are concerned with the revolutionary trends rising on every hand within what is left of free societies outside the Iron Curtain of Communism.

This unique organization was founded in 1937 in the City of Chicago by some of the leading lay stalwarts and defenders of the historic Christian Faith in that city. The first General Chairman was Frank J. Loesch who was head of the Chicago Crime Commission, prosecutor of Al Capone, head of the largest law firm, President of the Union League Club, Chairman of the 80 million dollar Chicago Union Terminal Company, General Counsel for the Pennsylvania

Railroad, but, above all, ruling elder and teacher of the adult Bible class for 17 years in Chicago's famed Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Frank Loesch, who was given the title of "Mr. Chicago" by all the leaders of business and industry of that city, at a great testimonial dinner, conferred with other churchmen, such as the late Henry P. Crowell, Chairman of the Board of Quaker Oats and benefactor of Moody Bible Institute, and formed the National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America at a time when left-wing or "collectivistic" propaganda began to infiltrate every phase of American life in the 30's, especially through pulpit, seminary and church publications.

These Christian leaders, many of them great legal minds, saw religious molders of public opinion using their offices to deny the great doctrines of the historic Christian Faith and the substituting of a humanistic, materialistic "social gospel" which was playing right into the hands of the Communists, their fellow-travelers, sympathizers and front-joiners. Even government investigative committees on both national and state levels were beginning to bring out evidences of strong collaboration between known leftist leaders and liberal or modernistic clergymen.

At the formation meeting of the Church League it was decided to set up a research and analytical education foundation for the purpose of gathering together all the evidence possible on how alien forces were attempting to subvert not only religious but educational institutions as

well. Such evidence, only from original sources, would then be weighed, evaluated, carded, indexed and filed; so that documented reports could be written and sent to church and educational leaders all over the United States, arming them with irrefutable evidence on "wolves in sheep's clothing" who were attempting to subvert our churches and schools to Marxism.

Headquarters were first set up in downtown Chicago, then moved to Evanston, Illinois, and finally, a permanent plant was constructed in Wheaton, Illinois in 1961 to which has been added more and more floor space as the work of the League has expanded.

Top Christian scholars, former staff members of Congressional investigating committees and intelligence divisions of Government were hired and have been working under the direction of a national board of directors composed of 14 prominent lay leaders and 3 clergymen.

Valuable files and documents running into the hundreds of thousands were amassed from every part of the globe. Some were smuggled out of the Soviet Union, the Satellite states and Red China. Every hearing held by United States government bodies and foreign governments on the subject of subversion was acquired by the League, as were the publications of every major leftist, liberal or pacifist organization within the United States. The League undercover operatives sat in on Communist and leftist meetings and brought out not only miniature tape recordings of the proceedings but armloads of their literature.

Photographs were taken, in many instances, with tiny cameras, of the participants. Copies of file materials were also acquired by Church League agents who ingratiated themselves with leftists that accepted their volunteer help to work in various headquarters.

The uniqueness of the Church League files is that every name of every person, organization, movement, publication or subject of significance has been put on a reference card with one incident per card, each referring back to the original document in the files. Full page ads in newspapers, such as the *New York Times*, calling for the abolition of Congressional investigating committees, or attacking our security laws, have sometimes carried names running into the thousands. Each one of these names has been carded and indexed with the reason for it appearing in the ad put on the card. Likewise, if an individual made a speech or wrote an article or book attacking and ridiculing a major doctrine of the Christian Faith or the American way of life, that individual's name and the article or book were each carded.

Today the Church League has millions of such reference cards in its files, all from original sources, so that a supporter of the League's work can get a complete chronological case history on an individual, organization, publication, etc. There may be hundreds of cards or just one on a single individual. The Church League does not invent anything about anyone or any organization. Their own deeds are recorded with time, date, page and paragraph cited from the original

document. As our Lord Jesus Christ said: "By their fruits ye shall know them." The League gathers their fruits and catalogues them, even if the smell of the decay is sometimes unbearable!

Every month the Church League publishes a documentary known as NEWS AND VIEWS. This is neither a newspaper nor a letter. It represents hundreds of hours of research into original source material, the summarizing of it and references given to the sources. A single issue may be only four pages or it may run over 100 pages, according to the scope and urgency of the material. Also, NEWS AND VIEWS has been published as high as three times per month because of the importance of the subjects covered and the fact that they are very current.

Secondly, the League publishes special research reports which consist of the following categories: Complete case histories on individuals such as Bishop James A. Pike, Walter and Victor Reuther, Martin L. King, Fred C. Cook; documentaries on Moral Re-Armament, the National Education Association, the PTA, the National Council of Churches, UNESCO, and hundreds of other subjects as listed in the League's free 39-page catalogue. Also, the testimony of the Director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, annually given in secret session to the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations and not printed for general public distribution by the Government Printing Office, is received by the League and reprinted exactly as it is by offset process for distribution to all Church League supporters who take the League's

Special Reports service.

Thirdly, the League processes requests for information from Government agencies without charge, and allows a ten dollar annual contributor the privilege of asking for checks on four names in any category within a year. These are especially researched by staff writers and investigators.

The Church League publishes major books such as: COLLECTIVISM IN THE CHURCHES, HOW THE COMMUNISTS USE RELIGION, APOSTLES OF DECEIT, MANUAL FOR SURVIVAL, and THE RECORD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

One whole section of the Church League catalogue of training aids is devoted to documentary sound motion picture films, and film strips, some produced by the League, others purchased from reliable sources. Still another section contains long lists of tape recordings from as brief as three minutes to as long as three hours. Tapes for broadcasting stations, each lasting 14 minutes, run into the hundreds, are all listed by subject title, and are available without charge to any station which will carry the program or secure a sponsor for it.

Church League personnel speak around the world: In Bible conferences, evangelistic services, seminars lasting from one to three days, before educational groups, civic banquets and luncheon clubs, state and national conventions of church, business, civic and patriotic groups; and, on public forums and in debates.

These personnel have not only appeared as expert witnesses under oath before U.S. Congress-

ional Committees and state legislative committees, but they have participated in nationally known television panel shows, overseas television programs and on many radio broadcasts, both local and on national networks. The Executive Secretary of the Church League was one of several expert witnesses to appear in the first Trial of International Communism held at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. in February 1968.

In 1942 the Internal Revenue Service of the U. S. Treasury Department granted the Church League of America a tax-exempt status, permitting it to receive tax-deductible gifts from individuals, churches, corporations and foundations for the support of its educational program. This is how the League is supported. Annually the League renders a certified public accountant's report of all receipts and expenditures to its supporters and to all inquirers. Never once, in the history of the League, has one cent been found out of place or mis-used. All

League personnel are on salaries fixed by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. League personnel do not receive any fees for speaking to churches, schools, universities, civic clubs, or for appearances on TV or radio.

The Church League cooperates with all the law enforcement agencies of the United States, right down to the local police departments. Its facilities are used frequently by these groups.

How To Become a Member

The League's regular publication, NEWS & VIEWS, dealing with some current phase of subversive activity in the church and educational fields, is sent as a service to all who contribute \$5.00 or more per year to sustain the work of the League. For those who send \$10.00 or more per year, special research reports on individuals and organizations, government hearings in the fields of religion and education, and important books are sent, in addition to NEWS & VIEWS.

The League also offers a report service to its \$10.00 or more contributors which includes routine checks, involving twenty separate checking sources on names of individuals, organizations and publications which appear in the contributor's local community. Limitations are placed on this special service according to the amount of the supporter's contribution because of salaries of employees involved and time consumed in investigation and compilation of such reports.

One becomes a supporter of the League and a recipient of its services by making annual contributions toward its work. A free packet of introductory material, including the catalogue, the history of operations, and sample publications, may be had by writing to: The Church League of America, 422 North Prospect St., Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

The Church League of America's motto is: "ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS FOREVER THE PRICE OF LIBERTY."

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aka Edgar Clifford Bundy, 1407 Hill Ave.,
Wheaton, Illinois.

BAPTIST minister, President of Abraham Lincoln
Club office at 82 W. Washington.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA*

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219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

February 5, 1969

Mr. [REDACTED]
Grace Line
Merchandise Mart Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60654

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

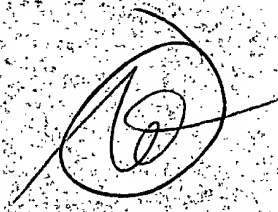
This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter requesting information on a certain organization.

The files of the FBI are confidential and therefore I am unable to comply with your request concerning the information requested. However, this is not meant to imply that we do or do not have any information regarding this group.

Sincerely,

M. W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Mike Royko

Bundy's still protecting us



Edgar C. Bundy, the man who warned America 20 years ago that Russia might seize Alaska, is still protecting us—for a price.

His emphasis has now shifted from subversive clergymen, who he once said were almost overrunning the churches, to the more fearsome and numerous college students.

Mr. Bundy, a professional right-winger from way back, is in the business of compiling "secret files" on people.

He says his files are second only to those of J. Edgar Hoover.

Unlike Hoover, Mr. Bundy will let you take a peek if you cough up \$25.

BUSINESSMEN ARE BEING SOLICITED through the mail. They are being warned about radical, trouble-making, left-wing college students.

Businessmen are not prepared for them, he says.

A businessman can screen a prospective employee's educational and professional background, Bundy says, but he has no way of determining the person's "philosophy of life."

That is where Bundy and his "secret files" come in. They help determine the "philosophy of life."

For only \$25, someone can join up and get a few names checked. For more names, there is an additional fee. It isn't specified in the Bundy literature.

Bundy's organization is called "The Church League of America." Right-wing organizations almost always select religious or patriotic sounding names. Bundy used to be connected with something called the Abraham Lincoln National Republican Club, which had no connection with the late Abraham Lincoln or the national Republican Party. But the name sounded nice. Presumably, if you rap it you can be accused of not liking Mr. Lincoln, and who would want that?

ITS HEADQUARTERS ARE IN A SURPRISINGLY small ranch-style building, on a dead-end street in Wheaton. I say surprisingly small because the FBI's files need more space than that. The place is patrolled by a police dog.

Bundy refuses to discuss his operation.

But his literature contains some insight into the contents of the "secret files" that are second only to those of the FBI.

A pamphlet says that they file the names of people who appear in the full-page ads in the New York Times and other papers, espousing various liberal causes.

This means that when a person who lends his name to an ad, which is rather public, the name goes in Mr. Bundy's files, which are secret. This makes sense to Mr. Bundy, I guess.

The files also contain records of anyone who has made a speech, written an article or a book "attacking or ridiculing . . . the American way of life."

BUNDY DOESN'T GET SPECIFIC ABOUT what he means by the "American way of life." History shows that it has been flexible. At one time slavery, child labor and slaying Indians was part of the American way of life. At one time any union activities were considered unpatriotic and radical, contrary to the "American way of life."

My guess is that Mr. Bundy's "American way of life" is anything Mr. Bundy believes in, and he has always been to the right of Joe McCarthy.

If that's the case, his files ought to be bursting the walls of his Wheaton office, since millions of Americans probably have views that he considers subversive.

When I asked him for some specifics on his files, Mr. Bundy snapped:

"I am familiar with you (dramatic pause and lowering of voice) and your writings."

That, I would guess, means I have made his files. My file wouldn't be worth \$25, though. For a dime, the same thing is available right here.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-450008)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-45568) (P)
SUBJECT: BERNARDINE RAE DOHRN
SM - SDS
(KEY ACTIVIST)
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On 6/10/69, captioned subject appeared on RONNIE BARRETT's "Chicago Show" from 12 o'clock midnight until 1:00 a.m., 6/11/69. This is a ABC-TV production in Chicago on Channel 7, WLS-TV. It is a pre-taped discussion type show in which popular and controversial personalities appear and are questioned by BARRETT regarding themselves.

BARRETT identified DOHRN as National Inter-Organizational Secretary of SDS and informed the viewing audience her appearance was in connection with SDS's planned extension into industries work force this summer, and issues which have engendered a good deal of comment in the press of late.

DOHRN responded to the effect that SDS is no longer a 9-month a year organization of college students, but rather is a revolutionary youth movement extending itself to people everywhere, including workers in business and industry.

The urgency of the crisis in America with regard to schools, the war in Vietnam, racial conflict, the problems of cities, and poverty, DOHRN said, is such that she lives in the most extreme society which has ever existed. She alleged that ordinary people - the workers, black, brown, and red - have built the wealth of this country, and that, while ours is an affluent

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society, poverty is on the increase, and a very few affluent people control societies wealth while the masses suffer more and more. She comments that SDS fully supports the programs of the Black Panther Party (BPP) which is active in the area of racial conflict.

Throughout this show DOHRN repeated time and again to this theme asserting that the country is ridden with crisis at home and that thousands are dying in Vietnam for the financial profit of Chicago, that the U.S. is built on a policy of racism and oppression of workers domestically while U.S. foreign policy is an imperialist one. All of this, she asserted, is solely to insure that the few who hold power will get richer at the expense of the masses who are exploited.

DOHRN rejected the idea that there is anything sinister of SDS's plans to broaden the scope of their activities beyond the college campuses to the larger communities. She said that SDS members will carry their political address with them wherever they go, that this is not a program of infiltration and that there is nothing secretive about it.

After the first quarter hour DOHRN and BARRETT were joined by EDGAR C. BUNDY, executive secretary, Church League of America (CLA), Wheaton, Illinois, and DAVID SUTER, a reporter for the Catholic publication "New World."

BARRETT drew attention to the campaign of BUNDY and CLA to circularize for a fee among business and industrial concerns the identities of SDS personnel in a campaign to thwart SDS's strategy of mingling with the workers this summer. SUTER was silent for a good deal of the remainder of the show, while DOHRN and BUNDY exchanged verbal sallies, expressive of their contempt for each other.

BUNDY referred to written material regarding the testimony and writings of FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER at various times in the past several years, regarding the character of SDS and to make the point that its size is not so important as its influence and to fortify the efficacy of the work of CLA. DOHRN scoffed in reply, urging that they discuss issues. She charged that the great fear of communist subversion in this country for the past 10 years

has been a smoke screen employed by the privileged classes to avoid discussing issues and problems or doing anything about them. She claimed that security means meeting the needs of people and said that she wished to discuss that.

BUNDY persisted in his attempt to depict his organization as one engaged for years in the wholesome necessary work of fighting communism. He denied that CLA ever disseminated any information not taken from public sources and claimed that it would all stand up in a court of law. He drew attention to DOHRN's past public statement in which she described herself as a "revolutionary communist" as an example of the type of information his organization disseminates to a perspective employer of SDS personnel. DOHRN admitted having made the statement and said she would stand on it, but she refused to answer BUNDY attending question as to the difference between Marxist and Revolutionary Communist. She noted that it was an irrelevant question and that she desired to discuss issues.

DOHRN remarked during the show that SDS has 80,000 members. BUNDY, in rebuttal, referred to information from Director HOOVER's public statements to the effect SDS exaggerates its size and that the actual membership is about 6,000 with less than 900 of these paying dues. DOHRN asserted that she works in SDS National Office every day and that the national membership is 80,000, with thousands more supporting SDS through the work of local chapters and at demonstrations sponsored by SDS. BUNDY claimed there is "someone" in the national office and ~~employed~~ ^{inferred} that his information regarding SDS was based partly upon that source. DOHRN merely replied sarcastically that she was glad to hear that.

DOHRN asked why, if SDS is so small as BUNDY claimed, why was he so concerned over their plans to have their members mingle with workers in industry. BUNDY never answered the question. ~~BUNDY~~ closed the discussion indicating he had not been very impressed with the extreme positions of either DOHRN or BUNDY and wondered on which of their lists he could end up on.

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Late in the evening of 6/10/69, BUNDY contacted the Chicago Office and advised of his appearance that date for the taping of the foregoing show. He alleged that DOHRN threatened during the taping to "get him," to which he replied that he had been threatened before and he was not afraid. DOHRN, he said, responded with a threat "We have the BPP behind us and, we'll get you this time." BUNDY felt that the FBI should be aware of this noting that he had reported the matter to the Wheaton Police Department, who he said were out in force to furnish him protection.

SA [redacted] monitored the above show and no threats were observed to have been made by any member of the group against any others.

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Lieutenant [redacted] Wheaton, Illinois Police Department, informed SA [redacted] 6/11/69, that at 10:15 p.m., 6/10/69, BUNDY contacted the Wheaton Police Department regarding the above program and charged that after the show had been taped DOHRN turned to BUNDY and made the comment "the BP have ways of dealing with people like you." [redacted] said that the Wheaton Police Department sent patrol cars past BUNDY's residence and CLA offices periodically, but that there was no trouble nor suspicious persons observed on either premises.

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[redacted] noted that BUNDY has "run them ragged" with reports of threats against himself and against his CLA Offices over the years. He described BUNDY as a fearful suspicious and noted that nothing has ever happened to either premises over the years except on one occasion there was a theft of some light bulbs from a Christmas tree displayed in front of the CLA Office.

The Bureau and Chicago have been aware for years of BUNDY's controversial political activities, opportunism and unreliability.

The foregoing is for the Bureau's information; no further action is anticipated in this Division.

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**Subversive Activity
Questions Posed**

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — The Church League of America has been deluged with requests for information on subversion, especially since the Students for a Democratic Society announced plans to infiltrate the labor industry this summer, a spokesman said Wednesday.

"We've been so inundated with requests for information on subversion that the staff is running several weeks behind," said the spokesman, Maj. Edgar C. Bundy.

Bundy, executive secretary, said in an interview that the organization has a file of seven million index cards containing information about subversive groups, individuals and publications.

Students Jobs

Bundy said that in the last few months, the league has concentrated particularly on supplying information about students applying for summer employment.

"This is the outgrowth," he said, "of plans of Students for a Democratic Society for invasion of industry with express instructions that once they got in the plant they would spread disaffection among the workers against management and ownership and form an alliance with what they call 'the working class, without which no revolution can be successful.'"

Since the league was founded in 1937, he said, it has "built up files second only to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in size, scientific arrangement, and carding of names of individuals, organizations, publications, movements and subjects."

Ton of Files

The league, he said, has "over 100 tons of files of original documents, including publications of all the worldwide network of Communist, Socialist, Nazi and Fascist groups." In addition, it has 50,000 bound volumes.

Bundy, who holds a major's commission in the Air Force Reserve, said the league was founded by a group of leading laymen from Catholic and major Protestant denominations.

It is tax-exempt, he said, and was established as a research foundation "to warn church people, both clergy and laymen, in regard to those forces seeking to destroy American society by infiltration into all phases of society."

Sustained by Gifts

The work of the league, Bundy said, is "sustained wholly by tax deductible gifts" from individuals; churches, which include the league in their missionary budgets; foundations, and corporations.

Bundy said his staff is "working night and day" doing research to meet requests from business and industry, "law enforcement agencies from coast to coast," college presidents and boards of regents, and agencies of the federal government.

Bundy said SDS instructions to the student workers "go on to say this will bring about complete collapse of industry and the capitalistic system."

He said the SDS added that "it will bring a halt of shipment of war supplies and material to the armed forces in Vietnam."

The SDS plans, after the system is destroyed, Bundy said, to construct "a new society based on what they call democratic socialism, where all power will be in the hands of the people."

The information on SDS plans was obtained, he said, from league representatives who have "sat in not only on their major meetings throughout the country but on work-in sessions where these plans have been laid."

Information is provided at no cost to those requesting it, Bundy said. There is no statistical

information on the number of requests received, he said.

Bundy said the league cooperates with state and local police departments, state attorneys general, military intelligence and investigative committees of Congress.

Bundy said, "We are concerned with the plans of these subversive groups and individuals to destroy what the American people have built up over a period of three centuries, and we intend to keep right on exposing these forces to the American public."

Bundy himself was an intelligence officer and he said the league's staff is made up primarily of former FBI agents, military intelligence officers and members of the staffs of state and federal investigating committees.

The league has opposed the World Council of Churches, and Bundy drafted a resolution adopted at a national American Legion convention condemning the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

He also led in the adoption of a resolution of the Illinois American Legion condemning the Girl Scout Handbooks as un-American. This later was repudiated by the state commander.

Bundy, 53, is a former radio singer and evangelist.

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MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY,
The Church League of America.
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Enclosed for the Chicago Division is one Xerox copy of an article which appeared in the local Topeka, Kansas newspaper, title, "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES QUESTIONS POSED", dated 6/19/69.

This article refers to Major EDGAR C. BUNDY and The Church League of America.

Special Agent [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Topeka, Kansas, made inquiry concerning BUNDY and The Church League of America.

The indices of the Kansas City Division is negative regarding both.

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CHICAGO DIVISION:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will check indices for any information concerning Major EDGAR C. BUNDY and The Church League of America.

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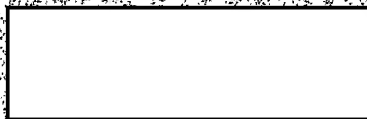
July 14, 1969, 12:05 P.M., Major Edgar Bundy phoned me stating the DAILY WORLD, which is the former DAILY WORKER, communist newspaper, wrote a full attack in its' recent edition, on the Church League of America. The author of the article admitted the Church League of America is performing great damage to the Party and stated, "now we must put them out of business." His security people have advised him that this is the way they give out their directives.

The Church League is installing, around the rear of the building, a six (6) foot high steel mesh fence with three (3) strands of barbed wire on top which is blind to patrol squads. The dogs will be in this area. They will continue to flood light the entire building.

They are also in the process of installing a Burglar Alarm System.

All Officers are advised to use caution when approaching the area.

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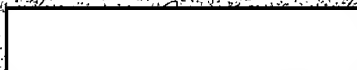
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COMMUNIST PARTY ENDORSES FORMAN'S PROGRAM

Part I

By JAMES T. IRWIN

"Forman's drive for reparations is a signal for the launching and carrying out of a program for massive aid along the line of the Freedom Budget and the Communist Party program. Giving urgency to such a drive is the offensive the Nixon administration has launched against the working people and especially against the black and the poor."

"Black Liberation and Allies,"

article by Ted Bassett

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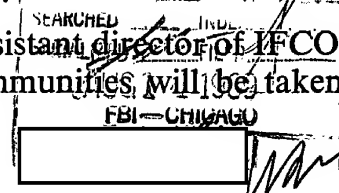
The demand for reparations is the leitmotif of the Black Manifesto, a document that was hastily approved on April 26, 1969, at the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO)-sponsored National Black Economic Development Conference (NBEDC).

News of the three-day conference—April 25-27 (1969)—was carried in the April 22, 1969 issue of the communist east coast newspaper *DAILY WORLD* as follows:

Detroit, April 21—Black leaders from throughout the U.S. will hold a "Black Economic Caucus" starting this Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m., and continuing to April 27, at Wayne State University.

The conference is sponsored by the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO). Speakers will include Julian Bond, Georgia State legislator; Milton Henry, Republic of New Africa vice-president; Jim Brown, actor-industrialist developer; Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and the Rev. Lucius Walker, executive director of IFCO.

Rennie Freeman, director of the conference and assistant director of IFCO said political and economic developments in the black communities will be taken up.



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James Boggs will discuss "The Myth and Irrationality of Black Capitalism."

Mrs. Hamer will speak on "Political Future of Black People in America."

Julian Bond will talk about "The Significance of Economic Growth of the Southern Black Man."

Milton Henry will speak on land control.

On April 26, James Forman, international affairs director of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), "presented" the Black Manifesto to the Conference. The *Guardian*, "independent radical newsweekly" of May 10, 1969, detailed Forman's blitzkrieg tactics as follows:

Hardly had the Black Economic Development Conference begun in Detroit at the end of April, before black revolutionaries, led by James Forman of SNCC, moved to the fore, their program for stripping the rich of their wealth. In a 12-page manifesto passed by the conference 187-63, blacks demanded \$500 million in reparations due black Americans, exploited and oppressed by the system. Aimed at "the white Christian churches and Jewish synagogues in the United States and all other racist institutions," the manifesto warned of seizure of church property, including sit-ins, until white racist America comes across with the half-billion. "We have resisted the white man's intention of making us slaves," said Forman. "Now we must resist any attempts to make us capitalist."

The Black Manifesto demand for reparations caused some to remember back to the National Conference for New Politics convention in Chicago at the Palmer House, August 29–September 4, 1967. At this gathering, a demand for reparations was also voiced, as the September 16, 1967 issue of the conservative newsweekly *Human Events* notes:

One of the more zany aspects of the conference was the incredible groveling of the delegates before the 200-member Black Caucus, which included Communists, Negro nationalists, members of CORE, SNCC and other Black Power" groups. By a vote of 2 to 1, the conference actually agreed to accept the caucus' 13-point program which included giving the caucus half the voting strength of the convention; giving "total and unquestionable support" to all so called wars of national liberation; supporting *immediate reparations* "for the historical, physical, sexual, mental and economic exploitation of black people. . . ."

Although the majority of delegates overwhelmingly voted for these resolutions, it was clear that many of them did it only because they feared the Negro minority would walk out.

Martin Peretz, a Harvard University instructor whose wealthy wife helped underwrite the convention's estimated \$80,000 cost, told reporters: "The Communists have taken over the shambles. I hope they take over the deficit. . . ."

The grotesqueness of the convention mounted when SNCC leader James Forman dressed in an African white tunic and flanked by two bodyguards, delivered a fiery "Black Power" speech to the delegates, telling them "we're going to liberate you whether you want to be liberated or not."

Although the convention was not in formal session, Forman asked for and got voice and standing votes for resolutions which he introduced personally. When a white girl delegate rose in the aisle and called for "point of order," Forman replied, "There are no points of order." Someone shouted, "Is this a dictatorship?" and the SNCC leader responded, "Yes and I am the dictator."

Since the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) called together and funded the National Black Economic Development Conference (NBEDC), it is a fair question to ask if IFCO and the National Black Economic Development Conference are related? The American Baptist *Crusader* (as reproduced in the *Christian Beacon* of June 19, 1969) answers the question as follows:

Technically no. At a meeting on May 9 (1969) in New York City the IFCO Board (among other things) supported "the programmatic aspects of the manifesto and the other conference resolutions" without "endorsing the strategies or tactics by which this manifesto is implemented." It suggested that no IFCO staff member serve on the Black Economic Conference Steering Committee; it urged the churches to come up with \$270,000 necessary to launch the conference's activities; and it said that only money so designated and coming to IFCO "above and beyond present church commitments" would be turned over to the conference.

It is fair to say, therefore, that the Black Economic Conference was spawned under the IFCO umbrella—and IFCO is related to it as it is to 50 other organizations—but organically the two are separate.

Director Walker (Rev. Lucius Walker, executive director of IFCO) says, however, that "IFCO applauds itself and feels that its responsibility...has been justly exercised in convening the forum where such a new thrust could emanate." He also records his personal position as follows:

"In my judgment the introduction of the concept of reparations through the National Black Economic Development Conference occasioned a new level of awareness and an encouraging turn in developments within the movement of black liberation. In the years ahead our society will need to deal with the question of restitution for its maintenance of and participation in the slave economy and in a dual system that has deprived and denied black citizens equal rights in American society. The guilt of white America has never been expiated in any formal manner. The concept of reparations will allow an opportunity for formal restitution which will not only contribute to the economic development of the black community but the psychological relief of the white community that can potentially diffuse the rising tension between the races and put us on the road towards viable reform rather than the present tack that we seem to be following towards revolution and conflict in American society."

The same article gives the background and purposes of IFCO as follows:

"The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization is a unique national coalition of Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic social agencies and local and regional development groups. It seeks to implement common programs and

strategies of member organizations, give a local assistance in technical areas, conduct research in cooperation with indigenous community groups, and raise funds for the development of mass-based community organization."—from an IFCO release dated Sept. 5, 1968.

IFCO was founded in September 1967. Currently 23 religious and quasi-religious agencies are members (membership fee: \$1,000 per year). It has raised and disbursed \$1,495,510.49 to about 50 community-type social-activist and/or training organizations.

The executive director is the Rev. Lucius Walker, Jr., an American Baptist clergyman and an ecumenical missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. In a statement prepared for delivery at the recent ABC sessions in Seattle, Mr. Walker reported (in part):

. . . I would also like to make it very clear that IFCO funds have not gone exclusively to militant groups. Our funds go to projects that are inclusive in their membership and promote people power so that poor minority groups can redress their grievances in society. The groups we fund represent diverse segments of community population ranging from conservative to militant. . . . The claim that we are connected with the Black Panther Party is utterly ridiculous.

That IFCO has bankrolled a number of subversive and revolutionary organizations is irrefutable. An article in the May 12, 1969 *Chicago Tribune* by Ronald Koziol describes a few of the "militant" recipients of IFCO largess:

Disclosures of the link between the militants and the church-sponsored I.F.C.O. are expected to be made tomorrow by Sgt. Robert Thoms of the Los Angeles police intelligence division at a meeting of the International Security conference at the Sherman House. The three days of seminars are being held for security personnel and are sponsored by Security World Publishing Company.

Thoms said that what began as a routine investigation of a Los Angeles group in January has turned into a comprehensive report which has been turned over to two federal agencies for a more detailed inquiry.

However, Thoms' investigation disclosed the names of many militant groups funded by I.F.C.O., including the Garfield organization in Chicago which received \$20,000. The group has participated in militant civil rights action against businesses and in April, 1968 several of its officers were arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and arson. The arrests came in the aftermath of rioting and looting on the west side.

According to Thoms, I.F.C.O. has disbursed \$885,831 since it was founded on Nov. 11, 1966. He learned that \$774,514, or about 83 per cent of the total, was granted to community groups involved in militant or disruptive activities.

The I.F.C.O. was described by Thoms as a nonprofit tax exempt interfaith coalition created to coordinate development of community groups and to provide funds. He explained that "this is an example of tax-exempt monies being utilized for non-charitable organizations bent on destroying what Americans believe in."

Thoms emphasized that his investigation was not attacking the churches. "But I would like to draw attention to the fact that church people may unwittingly be falling into sentimental traps and are not careful enough about where they are putting their money," he said. . . .

Thoms' investigation disclosed that six of the member groups are members of the National Council of Churches. He interviewed Dr. David Hunter, associate secretary of the council, who denied that the Council ever gave money to support the I.F.C.O.

According to Thoms, Hunter also told him that the council has no control over member groups and the dispersal of its money.

A June 28, 1969 article by John C. Watson in *Human Events* details another "militant" recipient of IFCO funds:

The Rev. Albert Cleague Jr., pastor of Detroit's Central United Church of Christ, has been a member of IFCO's board of directors from its inception. Recognized as one of the militant "Black Power" leaders of Detroit and a vociferous foe of the Detroit Police Department, he is an ex-Muslim and was a close associate of the late Malcolm X. He is active in the Republic of New Africa movement which believes in a separate nation within the United States run by blacks.

Cleague's church has been the scene of numerous "Black Power" rallies with such speakers as H. Rap Brown and Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) leader Milton Henry. A "People's Tribunal," a mock trial against law enforcement officers, was also conducted in Cleague's church. In December 1967 IFCO announced its first \$85,000 no-strings attached gift to the City-wide Citizen's Action Committee founded and directed by the Rev. Albert Cleague.

The April 1969 issue of the *Southern Patriot* (organ of the notorious Southern Conference Education Fund—whose executive directors are identified Communists Carl and Ann Braden) carried the highlights of a March 1969 conference at the equally notorious Highlander Center:

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Members of many groups working among white people across the nation met at Highlander Center for three days in early March.

The gathering had been stimulated by *IFCO*, the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organizing. . . .

The conference had opened with a statement by Frank Joyce, Detroit, national director of People Against Racism (PAR). He said: "We as whites must seek to make a revolution. We aspire to do this because we have no other option. This society hasn't any idea how to distribute its wealth; it does know how not to distribute it. There is no courage, no humanity available to us within this society. It is only in struggle against this society that we find our courage and humanity. . . ."

"As we talk about revolution we must talk about counterrevolution. It has the energy, spirit and dynamism of the nation. The country is living under a covert,

subtle blend of fascism. Where is our (the movement's) anti-police organization to stop the police?" One becomes a revolutionary when one believes that reform is impractical. Stopping repression is reformist—to stop repression you have to take state power. Who here can think of that?"

Joyce called racism the fatal flaw in the society. "Our major problem is to deal with the idea of race, even more than the idea of class," he declared. "Even whites in the movement are tired of the demands of blacks, and so is the general society. We must develop a strategy to cope with this mood in the nation. . . ."

Carl Braden, executive director of SCEF, said, "I challenge practically everything Joyce said. Racism is not the fatal flaw; he has picked up the propaganda from the Kerner Commission, which is trying to convince us that racism is the cause instead of the effect of our problem.

"The problem is the economic system under which we live. Racism, poverty, war are symptoms of that system. . . ."

Frustration, hope, despair, optimism, pessimism were alternating moods. But if the Highlander conference had a theme, it was put well by the Center's director, Myles Horton: "How do we transfer the power of the rulers to those that are ruled?"

Thus, IFCO was not making any radical departure from previous policy in "applauding itself" and feeling that its responsibility "has been justly exercised in convening the forum (the NBEDC) where such a new thrust (the Black Manifesto) could emanate."

The Black Manifesto itself is a diabolic call to insurrection, couched in classic Marxist-Leninist terms, as the following excerpts from the introduction illustrate:

"For it is the power of the United States Government, this racist, imperialist government that is choking the life of all people around the world. . . ."

"We live inside the U.S. which is the most barbaric country in the world and we have a chance to help bring this government down. . . ."

"Caution is fine, but no oppressed people ever gained their liberation until they were ready to fight, to use whatever means necessary, including the use of force and power of the gun to bring down the colonizer. . . ."

"We must commit ourselves to a society where the total means of production are taken from the rich and placed into the hands of the state for the welfare of all the people. . . ."

"We HAVE an ideology. Our fight is against racism, capitalism and imperialism and we are dedicated to building a socialist society inside the United States where the total means of production and distribution are in the hands of the State and that must be led by black people, by revolutionary blacks who are concerned about the total humanity of this world. . . ."

The Manifesto itself demands \$500,000,000 (a figure later raised to \$3 billion) to be spent as follows:

- \$200 million to form a Southern land bank.
- \$ 40 million to establish four major publishing and printing plants in Detroit, Atlanta, Los Angeles and New York.
- \$ 40 million for four TV networks to "provide an alternative to the racist propaganda that fills the current television networks." These networks to be located in Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland and Washington, D.C.
- \$ 30 million for research skills center "which will provide research on the problems of black people."
- \$ 10 million to the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO).
- \$ 20 million for a National Black Labor Strike and Defense Fund.
- \$ 20 million to establish Co-operatives in the U.S. and Africa.
- \$130 million for establishment of a Black University.
- \$ 10 million for a community training center for the people of Africa as well as for "Afro-Americans."

The National Welfare Rights Organization, earmarked in the above list for \$10-million, by the NBEDC, is another "militant" organization that has received funds from IFCO. The June 28, 1969 *Human Events* article by John C. Watson, previously quoted, states that:

The National Welfare Rights Organization in Washington, D.C., received \$137,212 from IFCO. This is the group responsible for organizing the welfare rights march in the Nation's Capital, and for numerous demonstrations and confrontations with welfare administrators in other cities.

In Los Angeles they threatened to tie up the welfare administration with court litigation unless demands for additional welfare benefits were met.

NWRO official George A. Wiley told a Washington rally of dissatisfied welfare recipients last year that "if this country does not listen to the poor people after what happened in Detroit and Newark and New Haven, you haven't seen nothing yet."

Mr. Wiley is a member of IFCO's Board of Directors!

The June 7, 1969 issue of *Human Events* contains further information concerning Mr. Wiley and NWRO:

Wiley was in New York where he and his followers disrupted the National Conference on Social Welfare with demands that members kick in \$35,000 to his group. On May 25, NWRO thugs stormed into the Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton, seized the platform and blocked exits until the conference members anted up the money.

"Get it up," Wiley demanded. "That is why poor people are here."

The *New York Times* denounced Wiley's "wreckers" in no uncertain terms, accusing them of fostering race or class warfare. "The young terrorists who invaded (the) convention and held 1,500 delegates prisoner for nearly an hour are obviously uninterested in aiding the needy Americans for whom they professed to speak," the *Times* said.

The *Times* editorial described NWRO as a "revolutionary organization" that opposes "orderly movement" toward correction of social ills and favors instead "the flames of race, or class, warfare." This is the group now enjoying a \$434,930 Labor Department contract and under consideration for another \$300,000 from the Department of Health Education and Welfare.

The Black Manifesto contains the following paragraph:

"To implement these demands we must have a fearless leadership. We must have a leadership which is willing to battle the church establishment to implement these demands. To win our demands we will have to declare war on the white Christian churches and synagogues and this means we may have to fight the total government structure of this country. Let no one here think that these demands will be met by our mere stating them. For the sake of the churches and synagogues, we hope that they have the wisdom to understand that these demands are modest and reasonable. But if the white Christians and Jews are not willing to meet our demands through peace and good will, then we declare war and we are prepared to fight by whatever means necessary. We are, therefore, proposing the election of the following Steering Committee:

There follows in the Manifesto a list of twenty-four persons, a list which includes:

Rev. Lucius Walker	Chuck Wooten
Luke Tripp	Fannie Lou Hamer
James Forman	Julian Bond
John Watson	Mark Comfort
Dan Aldridge	Mike Hamlin
Ken Cockrel	Muhammed Kenyatta

Some background information on these persons follows:

Rev. Lucius Walker is Executive Director of IFCO, a graduate of Shaw, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, he is an American Baptist clergyman.

Rev. Walker was present at the May 1969 American Baptist Convention in Seattle along with James Forman, where he stated: "I'm not of the opinion that \$500 million is an appropriate or desirable limit. . . when we get together and work out some figures I think they will be staggering." (Religious News Service—May 19, 1969)

Luke Tripp—The following excerpt is from pages 1399-1400 of *Riots, Civil and*

Criminal Disorders, Hearings Before the Permanent Subcommittee On Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, U.S. Senate—March 21-22, 1968, Part 6. The Subcommittee was hearing the testimony of detective lieutenant William R. McCoy, Detroit Police Department:

Senator Mundt. This Luke Samuel Tripp that you are talking about, is he the same Luke Samuel Tripp who made a trip to Cuba?

Lieutenant McCoy. This is the same one; yes sir.

Senator Mundt. There is a statement appearing in a book called *Road to Revolution*, written by Mr. Phillip Abbott Luce, who had at one time joined the Communists in this country and who became entirely disenchanted as did Whittaker Chambers and many others. He has written material for various publications showing how the Communist Party USA operates because he was in it, and he could speak from the inside.

On page 80, under the heading of "Other RAM Members," I read the following paragraph:

Luke Tripp, a Negro from Detroit, Michigan, was among the group of young Americans that journeyed to Cuba in the summer of 1964. He is a RAM member and former member of UHURU, which is Swahili for "freedom," which is more or less synonymous with RAM and functions in Detroit. Tripp once gave an interview to a Trotskyist youth newspaper in which he outlined the essence of the then functioning UHURU. He said, that "Our orientation is Mau Mau, Maoist."

I thought that was interesting because one of the placards stated, "UHURU will resort to Mau Mau tactics."

This was picked up there, that the orientation is Mau Mau Maoist. Continuing, Luce quotes Tripp as saying:

We are strong supporters of the Chinese. If you're in doubt on any position we have, look it up in the *Peking Review*.

Luce then says:

This Review is the English language weekly news journal from Red China.

Part 6 of *Riots, Civil and Criminal Disorders*, also contains, as exhibit No. 81, a June 20, 1964 article entitled "UHURU President Sneaks Off To Cuba," from the *Detroit Courier* which reads as follows:

Detroit—A militant leader of a Detroit-based civil rights group this week was reported among 73 students who out-smarted the U.S. State Department and flew to Havana, for the annual tour of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

Luke Tripp Jr., of Detroit and president of the UHURU organization, which has members at Wayne State University and several Detroit High Schools, reportedly called for the destruction of the U.S. Government, in a statement given to the press in Havana, upon his arrival from Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The *DAILY WORLD* of February 28, 1969 lists Luke Tripp of the Black Panther Party; and Mike Hamlin of the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement

(DRUM); as speakers at memorial services commemorating the assassination of Malcolm X, held at the St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Detroit.

Human Events of March 8, 1969 in an article by Henry P. Zuidema presents more background information on certain members of the NBEDC Steering Committee:

Unlike several other big-city universities that have been hit by student insurrectionists, Wayne State University, in Detroit, has not been harassed by rioting and the seizure of buildings by campus militants and revolutionaries. . . .

The university's militants, on the other hand, have been given no cause for hell-raising. They have had it all their way.

They simply took over the university's newspaper, the "Collegian," and transformed it into an organ dedicated to revolution, frequently spiced with toilet-wall phraseology. It is called the "South End," with reference to its offices at one end of the campus, and it is kept going by a \$30,000 annual subsidy in public funds, handed out by the university.

Black Panther emblems—two crouching panthers—are carried at the top of page 1. The slogan of the paper until a few weeks ago was "The Year of the Heroic Guerrilla," the cry of the Communist press in Cuba and also that of the New Left publications in the U.S., honoring Che Guevara. The new slogan of the Wayne State paper is "One Class-Conscious Worker is Worth 100 Students. . . ."

An announcement that the Michigan National Guard had acquired new riot-control equipment brought this comment from "South End's" managing editor, Mike Hamlin:

"We are making plans ourselves, and they don't include playing Indian or Jew. We clearly recognize that at this juncture in history, it's time for the hunter to become the game. . . ."

The editor-in-chief of the "South End," John Watson, a bearded 26-year-old pre-law student, however, is unperturbed. Watson, who calls himself "a revolutionary—a Marxist-Leninist sympathetic to the Chinese Communist party," saw the traditional campus paper, the "Collegian," as a rare find. He had been editor of the "Inner City Voice," which has had hard times. . . .

A campus paper, by contrast, could flourish as an organ of revolution, with its readership assured, the "South End" being circulated free, and with facilities financed by the University. Staff writers are on university payroll and Watson gets \$2,400. . . .

Last May Watson was placed in charge of the student paper by an 8-to-2 vote of the student publications committee of the Student Faculty Council, over the objections of Dean of Students Duncan Sells, who questioned Watson's eligibility on academic grounds. Watson said at the time that his academic records were missing from the student files. . . .

Another "South End" staff member, Luke Tripp, was coordinator of campaign

activities for Eldridge Cleaver, Black Panther candidate for President, and conducted the campaign from the offices of the newspaper. . . .

"We (blacks)" Watson added, "are not interested in the 'honor' of running a paper. The only validity we can give for being down here running around with college students is aiding the revolution."

The west coast communist publication *PEOPLE'S WORLD* of April 26, 1969 contained news of other Steering Committee members:

Oakland—Representatives of new black workers' groups in the Midwest visited the San Francisco Bay Area this week and gave a vivid description of a dynamic new movement on the rise in basic industry.

At an unprecedented meeting for this area Saturday (April 19), John Watson, of the Detroit-based League of Revolutionary Black Workers, told of the rebellion in the auto shops against the companies and union bureaucracy.

Watson and his associate, Chuck Wooten, were in the area for discussions with the Oakland-Berkeley-based Black Panther party.

According to Panther spokesmen the meeting grew out of Panther efforts to lead plant caucuses in this area and increased Panther attention to black production workers. . . .

Watson said the first place to fight racism of the society is at the point of production.

He detailed the efforts of the League and its affiliated groups to build organizations of black workers at the rank-and-file level as a core group to begin to challenge the corporations over economic matters and conditions on the job.

The next step, Watson said, must be to relate the struggles in the shops to problems in the community.

Concerning the above mentioned League of Revolutionary Black Workers, America's outstanding labor reporter, Victor Riesel, in the March 8, 1969 issue of *Human Events* writes:

Youth power apparently is finding the world of the campus too confining. The youthful lions of the SDS, the Black Panthers, and an assorted alliance of self-styled revolutionists are moving their direct action over into the less esoteric world of work—onto the picket lines, into the giant plants of the industrial belts, and even into big union headquarters. . . .

In the Detroit area, which I just toured, the student support springs mainly from Wayne State University. There the militants are really up tight and turned on. Their publication, the "South End," recently was characterized by the university president as "disturbingly reminiscent of Hitler Germany. . . ."

Their thing is the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, a coalition of three caucuses, the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM), the Ford Revolutionary Union Movement (FRUM), and the Eldon Revolutionary Union Movement

(ELRUM). The latter concentrates on a Chrysler gear and axle plant on Eldon Avenue, but the boys don't use the acronym because it would spell CRUM—which is what some 95 per cent of the industry's black workers believe it to be.

Another Steering Committee member, is lawyer Kenneth Cockrel. The June 12, 1969 issue of the *DAILY WORLD* carries the following story:

Detroit—a young black militant attorney, Ken Cockrel who had hung the tag of “lawless, racist rogue, bandit, thief, pirate, honky dog, fool,” on Recorder's Court Judge Joseph Maher, had “contempt” charges against him dismissed here last week. . . .

Speaking to reporters after the dismissal Cockrel said: “This is a vindication of the position we took. I have no regrets for what I said. I think my characterizations were accurate.”

It is rumoured that Cockrel will be a candidate of the black militants for mayor of Detroit in the coming elections.

Cockrel's outburst occurred while he was defending Alfred Hibbitt, Jr., who was charged in the shooting of police outside the New Bethel Church on March 29, 1969. Cockrel is listed as an attorney for the National Black Economic Development Conference (NBEDC) in the July 9, *DAILY WORLD*.

On page 1444 of *Riots, Civil and Criminal Disorders*, Lieutenant McCoy presents testimony on Steering Committee member Daniel W. Aldridge:

Lieutenant McCoy. Next is Daniel W. Aldridge, who resides at 12659 Monica. Date of birth, February 23, 1942. Graduated from Tennessee A. & I. with B.D. degree in 1966. Presently enrolled at WSU (Wayne State University) as postgraduate in urban planning.

Aldridge is active in the local chapter of SNCC, and reported to be taking over the leadership from Dorothy Dewberry.

Aldridge is active in the CCAC (Citywide Citizens Action Committee), and was an investigator and speaker at the CCAC Sponsored people's tribunal (mentioned previously) on August 30, 1967.

Aldridge was a speaker at the West Central Organization (WCO) fund raising benefit on January 7, 1968, at the Teamsters Hall, 2740 Trumbull, Detroit. In this speech Aldridge remarked:

“I would go back to Africa, but I would have to fight there, also. Here is the best place to fight. If you have to fight, don't wait for leftists to bring you arms. Whites and blacks cannot get along. Black people had better think about destruction.

We cannot be by ourselves as long as the Seventh Fleet, the First Cavalry, and the 101st Airborne exists.

Third World—Black Nations must unite internationally. Black Revolutionaries, don't depend on white corporations. Self-examination is needed. Form something

similar to the National Liberation Front in North Vietnam. Recruit specialists in guns and demolition from Black G.I.'s returning home from Vietnam.

America must be destroyed for the sake of the rest of the world."

Muhammed Kenyatta is yet another Steering Committee member. Kenyatta teaches Black History to students 10 through 14 years old, at the Black and Proud Liberation School in the city of Jackson, Mississippi. The May 1969 issue of the *Southern Patriot* states that:

Kenyatta has also been active in Black awareness projects all over the city of Jackson and at nearby Tougaloo College. Tougaloo College, which has a history of white liberal teachers and administrators controlling an all-Black student body, has been the scene of frequent protests over recent years. . . .

In mid-February, while visiting a friend on campus, Kenyatta was the literal target of mysterious gun-fire that blasted through the front windows of his automobile, missing his head by inches.

Later the shooting was explained by Tougaloo's Negro President, Owens, and others as a response to an attempted robbery of the men's dormitory. Afterwards, a college official, Dean Holloway, charged Kenyatta with attempted burglary before a white Mississippi Judge in Madison County—a county whose decisions against Black people and civil-rights workers since the voter registration movement of the early 1960's.

Tougaloo student activists campaigned to have the case brought before the student body and to have Kenyatta judged by other black people. Kenyatta turned himself over voluntarily to local authorities as "an expression of my belief that my innocence will be proved." He eventually reached a settlement, as a result of the student pressure.

Steering Committee member Mark Comfort's background, as outlined in the August 24, 1966 edition of *TOCSIN* is as follows:

One of the most militant "civil rights" leaders ever to agitate in the state (California), Comfort (alias Mark Moody) has emerged as the darling of high government officials in Washington. Without top-level intervention, he would be serving time on a conviction growing out of a racial demonstration in 1964.

Eugene P. Foley, head of the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration, made a visit incognito to Comfort at the Alameda County Rehabilitation Center at Santa Rita during Comfort's recent imprisonment. Shortly thereafter Comfort's appeal for probation was granted by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas pending a future decision by the full court. The appeal, forwarded by Comfort's attorney, identified Communist Robert Treuhaft of Oakland, received an approving nod from Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Why all the eagerness to give aid to Comfort?

Foley described Comfort as the man who "appears to be the emerging Negro leader in Oakland. . . ."

Comfort's background, long a matter of public record, includes:

- Numerous arrests for battery, burglary and petty theft in the 50s.
- An early association with the East Bay Civil Rights Congress, cited as a Communist front, which championed his hassles with the law, using the "police brutality"—"civil rights" themes.
- Representation by identified Communist attorney Robert Treuhaft during the same period.
- In 1964 Comfort ran amok in a Berkeley drive-in, throwing salt shakers and sugar bowls at customers and creating a shambles.

A defense campaign was again organized for him, this time including stories in the Communist *People's World* by Carl Bloice and a "gourmet banquet" fund-raiser at the home of Communist National Committeeman Roscoe Q. Proctor of Berkeley.

Comfort later organized his own militant demonstrating group which he called the Oakland Direct Action Committee.

The son of a Cuba-born mechanic, Comfort is wed to the former Gloria Black, daughter of identified Oakland Communists Robert Ogg Black and Gladys Black.

The same issue of *TOCSIN* contains the following Comfort quotes from *Spider* magazine, Oakland, California May 24, 1965:

"The capitalists are going to force the issue of violence upon us whether we want it or not. They're not going to give up the big, beautiful thing they've had for so many years without some type of struggle. Though capitalism is falling—there is no doubt it will fall—they are going to fight to the bitter end. . . .

"These rebellions are only the footsteps, a move toward the real thing. I've been through 14 states and I say capitalism can't last more than ten years. . . . I was really pleased with Harlem. The people there know who their enemies are, they know who they have to fight, they don't think that the black man will be free until imperialism is destroyed, and they're organizing. . . .

"It's going to take the people to make the revolution. . . . And it doesn't matter what kind of government it is, just so long as it isn't capitalist, fascist government. That's what counts."

The April 19, 1969 issue of *PEOPLE'S WORLD* contains a picture of Comfort at an April 11 press conference of black militants of the San Francisco Bay Area, together with Roscoe Proctor, Afro-American Commission, Communist Party. The article under the picture states that: "Mark Comfort, ODAC (Oakland Direct Action Committee) director and spokesman for the group, said, "It is a known fact that agents were sent from Washington, D.C., in 1968, to infiltrate every organization in the country. They are trained police agents and receive their pay-checks just like people who work."

Proctor is quoted as stating that: "We advocate armed self-defense as an increasingly important part of our ability to defend ourselves and develop our struggle for complete liberation."

Concerning the tactic of "armed self-defense," Comfort has had previous experience. He took part in the May 2, 1967 Black Panther storming of the state Legislature in Sacramento. Some forty persons armed with rifles, shotguns, and pistols entered the legislature. In 1968, Comfort was a leader of the Oakland contingent in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Poor People's March on Washington.

Two Steering Committee members hail from the Deep South, Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, former SNCC field secretary in Ruleville, Mississippi, who was elected vice-chairman of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in January, and Julian Bond, another former SNCC official, and now a member of the Georgia Legislature.

Bond was one of the founders of the Communist-dominated National Conference for New Politics held in Chicago at the Palmer House August 29–September 4, 1967, where, as noted previously, a demand for "reparations" was also issued.

Concerning Bond's "militant" proclivity, *Human Events* of February 2, 1969 states:

Radical Julian Bond, the youthful Georgia legislator who was put up for the vice presidential nomination at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, now says the Negro will find out that appeals to justice and fair play are "outmoded and useless." In a recent Richmond, Va., speech, Bond claimed the "new movement is to force change through coercion, threats, power or violence." Bond indicated the method would be that of armed rebellion. "After all," he said, "that was the American way of 1776."

The *Southern Patriot* of February 1969 states that: "In two recent speeches (the last in December at Tougaloo College, near Jackson), Bond has discussed an alternative program which he calls community socialism, whereby the people in a given community run and control the institutions within that community.

Representative John Ashbrook of Ohio, read the following excerpt from a June 2 (1969) UPI dispatch, covering a commencement address given at the University of Bridgeport by Bond: "If you think you are faced with militant young people today, just see what today's 7- and 8-year-olds have waiting for you 5 to 10 years from now, when they grow up."

The June 6, 1969 *DAILY WORLD* carried the highlights of another Bond address:

Danbury, Conn., June 19—"Capitalism is a luxury for the rich," Georgia State Representative Julian Bond told an audience here last week. "Socialism benefits the poor."

The 29-year-old black legislator said he favored "community socialism" whereby "profit would be for the many, not for the few."

He called American Democracy "cumbersome" and unworkable for black people. They have "no way to control the decision-making, have little access to the power

centers," he said, describing them as the "great holdings of private wealth, the corporations, the military-industrial-labor complex and the government. . . ."

"Our job," he said, "ought to be the gathering together of all people considered to be oppressed, the students with no teachers in schools, the workers with no voice in their unions, the voters with no choice but an echo," in order to set "new directions" and "new techniques."

When oppressed people realize this is not a classless society, he said, and class consciousness is realized, violent confrontations will ensue among all the oppressed people against the "totalitarian system."

Bond spoke at the Danbury High School under the auspices of the Danbury Coalition of Conscience.

The Manifesto closes with the following:

Our demands are negotiable, but they cannot be minimized, they can only be increased and the church is asked to come up with larger sums of money than we are asking. Our slogans are:

ALL ROADS MUST LEAD TO REVOLUTION
UNITE WITH WHOMEVER YOU CAN UNITE
NEUTRALIZE WHEREVER POSSIBLE
FIGHT OUR ENEMIES RELENTLESSLY
VICTORY TO THE PEOPLE
LIFE AND GOOD HEALTH TO MANKIND
RESISTANCE TO DOMINATION BY WHITE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
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Dear American Patriot:

Here is a two-page attack on the Church League of America by the DAILY WORLD, the successor to THE WORKER, which was an official organ of the Communist Party. The DAILY WORLD expresses the Communist viewpoint, according to its executive editor.

Now you can see with your own eyes what conservative organization is considered by the communists to be the big threat to their plans for destruction of the United States. Look closely at the last line of the last paragraph:

"Exposing Bundy and the Church League for what they are is only half the story, now they must be put out of business."

This is a Communist Party directive to all the comrades across the Nation. This is the way they communicate.

The Church League accepts the challenge of the enemies of the United States. We have been in business for 32 years and we have fought the Reds at every turn, long before most modern anti-communists arrived on the scene. Our files are the greatest and most comprehensive in America with but one exception, those of the FBI. What is in these files will be used for the fight to keep our land free, as long as good Americans support us with their tax-deductible dollars.

Will you accept the challenge and line up on our side? If so, how about a special gift offering to the Church League, to be known as the Anti-DAILY WORLD Fund?

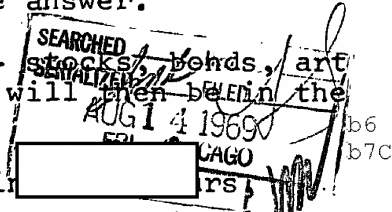
Some have written to the Church League in the past and said: "We support so many organizations and therefore we can send you only a little."

What organization is doing the most effective job against the Communists and their friends? The attached reprint from the Communist Party paper will give you the answer.

Send us your financial support today - stocks, bonds, art objects, real estate, checks or cash. You will then be in the front battle line alongside us.

Very sincerely,

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THE BLACKLIST LEAGUE

By FRED ARMSTRONG NILES

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Liberal, progressive, radical and freedom forces throughout America face a strong challenge from an ultra-rightist group which is seeking to go back to some of the darkest days of McCarthyism. The group, the Church League of America, is at the present time offering leading businesses of America a witch-hunting and blacklisting service which is aimed at black liberation fighters, student activists and trade union activists.

The Church League was formed in 1937 by "top church and civic leaders of Chicago." The League calls itself the "fastest growing Conservative organization in the United States." Shortly after its founding, the league had more than 6,000 clergymen of all denominations supporting its work, along with some 50,000 lay members.

As a "religious organization" the League has enjoyed a tax-exempt status since 1942. Groups awarded this status by the Internal Revenue Service are enabled to receive contributions which the donor is then allowed to deduct from his income. According to Major Edgar C. Bundy, the League's executive director, payments received for the purpose of checking out names are also classified as contributions. This means that corporations are getting free blacklisting service, whose cost is being borne by the general public.

Though tax-deductible groups are not permitted to engage in political activities, the League has always done so. When it was founded, for example, President Roosevelt's plan to increase the size of the Supreme Court was a major issue in our country. The League took a stand opposed to this measure. In another political activity early in the history of the League (1940) it actively and openly campaigned against Roosevelt's third term bid.

Today it is attempting to capitalize on the fears of the public and especially on the "law and order" issue.

The background of this outfit will shed some light on the dangers it presents for today's progressive movements. The League was the creation of Frank J. Loesch, Henry P. Crowell and George Washington Robnett.

Loesch was a top church and civic leader of Chicago, active in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, one of Chicago's most affluent. Through his involvement in religious affairs, Loesch "saw the growing encroachment of government upon constitutionally guaranteed rights of the individual and a consequent threat to the constitutional structure itself." And this was back in the 1930's, so we can see that the Far Right really hasn't changed much in the past few decades.

His church activities also led him to believe that "socialistic experiments...were creeping" into the pulpits.

Loesch became a prominent attorney and was head of the Chicago Crime Commission when it prosecuted Al Capone. His prominence brought him to the attention of some of America's largest business interests. Beside being counsel for the American Medical Association, Loesch helped some of the largest railroads become what they are. In 1913 he organized the \$80 million Chicago Union Station Company and was its general counsel. He soon became the Illinois counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad System.

Loesch was also a member of the Chicago Board of Education, a special States Attorney (appointed), active in history societies, the Rotary Club and Kiwanis.

Henry P. Crowell, like Loesch, was a "church and civic leader," but he was somewhat less extended than Loesch. Crowell was Chairman of the Board of Quaker Oats and is referred to in his biography as "The Aristocrat of the Breakfast Table." It is probably no small coincidence that Quaker Oats today is a member of the American Security Council. The ASC is a group which coordinates affairs for the military-industrial complex. Most retired Pentagon brass find employment with the council. The ASC has conducted its own blacklisting program for some time now, but that's another story.

George Washington Robnett, a Chicago advertising executive, seems to have been the leading force behind the forming of the Church League of America. Robnett was a professional news-clipping saver. Beginning in 1930, when the infamous Hamilton Fish headed the first congressional committee to investigate "subversive activities," Robnett kept track of the committee find-

ings. The Fish committee was the immediate predecessor of the even more infamous snooping committee of Martin Dies (who is now a writer for American Opinion magazine, the publication of the John Birch Society), the House UnAmerican Activities Committee, now the House Internal Security Committee.

Robnett found that his clippings of the Fish committee were not enough; he began to accumulate the clippings and published reports of House, Senate and even state HUACs as they were formed. He also began to collect a large sampling of "Leftist" publications — or at least those which the "expert Mr. Robnett" considered "leftist and subversive".

Soon after, the National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America was formed. It sells information about alleged Communists, Socialists, radicals, progressives, liberals, trade unionists, civil rights workers and civil libertarians. Major Bundy has offered (for a price) the service of his organization in identifying, for the business community, members of the Students for a Democratic Society. By doing so, he hopes to counter the proposed plans of some student radicals to work in factories this year.

Bundy became Executive Secretary of the League as an "expert on Communism." Stationed in Alaska, he served six years in Air Force Intelligence, reaching the rank of captain. After 8 years in the Air Force Reserve Bundy was promoted to major. In 1948, he became an editor of the Wheaton, Illinois, Daily Journal. A year later he came to nationwide prominence when he was invited to testify before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the "deteriorating Far Eastern situation." He predicted the Chinese Revolution and the Korean War. His "expert predictions" made him a featured speaker on the Right Wing circuit for the length of the Korean War and after. In 1954, Bundy was active in having the American Legion in Illinois condemn the Girl Scout handbook for having material "alleged to be un-American."

Originally, the League only checked into the background of speakers appearing before church groups throughout the nation. But it has now entered into the highly profitable field of spying and checking on prospective employees. All of this is done without the individual having any knowledge of the check and no defense against slandering and red-baiting.

The League's files contain over "7,000,000 cross-indexed cards on individuals, organizations and publications which serve the communistic cause in the United States". The files are divided into three categories: 1) "Communist Party members"; 2) "fellow travellers, party sympathizers or front-joiners"; 3) "dupes". In

the past year the contents of the file were changed to include "individuals, organizations, publications and movements which have been attempting the destruction of the United States by way of internal subversion."

Beside the files, the League library also includes "outright communist data and propaganda" plus "thousands of files of individuals or organizations who have engaged in subversive or fellow-traveler activities." This magnificent library, which is closed to the public, also contains "one whole section built around John Dewey, the educator, whose philosophy of pragmatism (what works is good and the end justifies the means) softened many intellectuals in America for the acceptance of Communism."

The League offers three services to its "tax-deductible contributors of a \$25 gift or more" (last year the fee was \$10 or more).

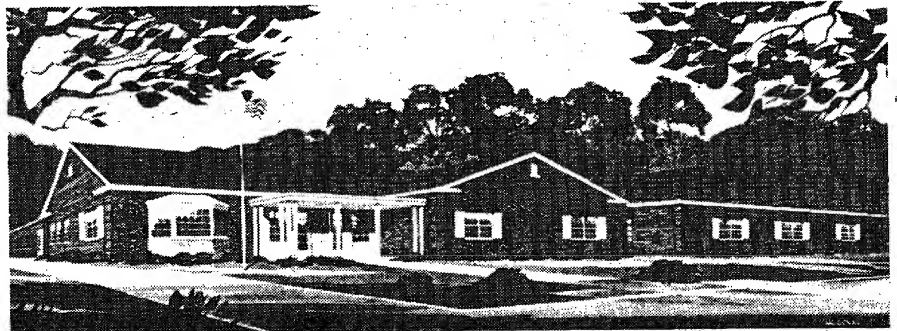
The first service is a free subscription to the "monthly documented summary of current subversive activity, as frequently as three times a month, known as News and Views." News and Views has featured such writers as Herbert Philbrick, notorious FBI agent and spy, Major Bundy and Dr. Bella Dodd, late FBI stool pigeon.

The second service is providing "special detailed documented reports on organizations, individuals, publications and movements resulting from hundreds of hours of research." Bundy also offers contributors classified FBI material.

The last service is blacklisting itself. The individual who gives a gift of \$25 or more is entitled to "four name checks." After those four, each name check costs \$5.

Recently the CLA sent out robotyped solicitation letters for new customers for its blacklisting business. Letters sent to businesses in the midwest went out under Bundy's signature, while those in the New York-Atlantic Coast area appeared under the signature of Andrew W. Hunter. Hunter is presently the CLA's new field director who works out of his home in Gibbsboro, New Jersey.

According to a by-lined story by Jerry DeMuth in the Chicago Sun-Times on June 8, Hunter's hard-sell goes something like this: "I think businessmen should look into the background of (a prospective employee) and see if he has a criminal record and see if he belongs to the Black Panthers or SDS or SNCC or any of these other groups." Referring to the projected SDS work-in this summer, Hunter continues, "They're taking a new



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tactic. They're going in and dressing up respectable so they can do the greatest amount of damage. These kids will come in and take these places apart."

Bundy's approach, on the other hand, is less personal and more detailed. The Institute for American Democracy, a Washington-based organization that exposes ultra-Right groups for what they really are, quotes Bundy's solicitation letter: "Our working force includes more than a few radicals, socialists, revolutionaries, communists and troublemakers of all sorts. The colleges and schools are educating thousands more who will soon be seeking employment."

A glance at literature of the Church League gives some idea of who and what Bundy considers "troublesome": the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which the late Dr. Martin Luther King was the "fellow-travelling" founder, the National and World Council of Churches, the United Nations, UNICEF, and, of course, the PTA.

Some of these "troublemakers", according to a CLA leaflet, include persons who sign advertisements supporting liberal causes. The leaflet also boasts that on its lists is everyone that has spoken out, either in speech or writing, "attacking or ridiculing... the American way of life."

The League files increased sharply between 1965-1966 when it acquired the files of the notorious J.B. Matthews, who had prided himself on being "the long-time self-styled expert on Communism." In fact he was such an "expert" that he became the chief research aide to Sen. Joseph McCarthy. Matthews came to the attention of McCarthy through his earlier job as a researcher for the Dies committee.

When Matthews died in July 1966, the Church League assumed possession of his files which Bundy valued at \$150,000. In order to insure the safe-keeping of these files Bundy erected the J.B. Matthews Memorial Library, completed last year at a cost of \$82,000. It is connected to their one-story colonial-style building in suburban Wheaton, built in 1962 at a cost of \$250,000. The files in the new wing contain 400 fireproof steel files plus additional space for 50,000 bound volumes. At the present time the League is microfilming all of its files for "total security."



J. B. MATTHEWS

After Matthews died, his wife, Ruth I. Matthews, took over as Research Consultant for the League and has moved into the right-wing limelight. On September 1, 1968, Mrs. Matthews became the Research Editor for *Combat* the newest creation of William F. Buckley of the National Review and the New York State Conservative Party. *Combat* says it keeps the patriotic "informed about the revolutionary struggle in America today."

In addition to the Matthews files, the League has acquired the files of former FBI agent, John G. Keenan. Keenan resigned in 1945 from his position as supervisor of the FBI's Internal Security Activities Division, and with two other former FBI agents published *Counter-attack and Red Channels*. During the McCarthy period both publications started the wave of blacklisting against liberals ("fellow-travellers") in the radio, TV and movie industries.

Since the Matthews and Keenan files do not contain current information, Bundy, according to the IAD, informs sales "prospects" that "the Church League has infiltrated New Left and Black Power organizations."

If that weren't enough, Bundy brags about a "work-

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We would be pleased to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

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ing relationship" with some of our country's "leading law enforcement agencies." Among these are the FBI and the Chicago Police Department and their Red Squad. Bundy refers to the latter as "our police boys in Chicago."

If a prospective customer wishes, Bundy can arrange to have special checks made and an organization infiltrated. All of this is for a price, of course. "Special checks," whatever they are, are made for \$150 a day plus expenses. The price to infiltrate an organization runs as high as \$200 a week.

It should be remembered that all of this is tax-deductible.

The complete Church League library and files are, according to Bundy, "the world's most complete reference of leftist individuals and groups, outside the FBI files - which, of course, are not open to the public."

Bundy and the League have shifted their emphasis of attack. Previously the National Council of Churches and the liberal clergymen received the brunt of their smear campaigns. Now the targets are primarily SDS and the Black Panthers. It is no coincidence that both of these organizations have become deeply rooted in struggle and have begun to question the capitalist system itself.

During the 1964 election, the League aided the Goldwater candidacy by issuing a booklet entitled, "How the Communists and Religious Liberals Hate Barry Goldwater (By Their Fruits, Ye Shall Know Them)."

Members of the League's Board of Directors have ties with other groups. The Rev. Cameron MacKenzie, for example, a member of long standing, and a member of Advisory Committee of Clergy, was actively involved last year in the right-wing smear campaign against Justice Abe Fortas. He was a member of the National Advisory Board of an outfit called the Supreme Court Amendment League (SCALE), which was formed exclusively for the purpose of curbing the Supreme Court. Its chairman is the racist Congressman John Rarick of Louisiana, who wastes taxpayers' money by constantly filling the Congressional Record with right-wing hate material.

One of the four members of the League's Advisory Committee of Laymen, Edwin L. Wiegand, was a founder in 1944 of the right-wing smear sheet *Human Events*. Other founders were Cecil B. deMille, the movie produc-

er; Charles Edison, then governor of New Jersey; Herbert Hoover and Charles A. Lindberg; also present was Clarence Manion, now a leading John Birchler. Representatives of the "civic" community were Robert R. McCormick, of the Chicago Tribune; Cola Parker, of Pepsi-Cola; J. Howard Pew, of the Sunoco oil empire; Henry Regnery, of the Chicago publishing house which bears his name; and Gen. Robert E. Wood, of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

The Rev. Herman Otten, with MacKenzie and another clergyman, the Rev. Victor E. Sears, comprise the three-man Advisory Committee of Clergy. Otten has been a speaker at numerous Christian Crusade rallies and schools. The Crusade is headed by the robust Billy James Hargis.

The IAD special report on Bundy and the Church League of America ends with an appropriate warning:

"We remember the McCarthyism of the 1950; all too well to take the Major (Bundy) lightly. An organization with a high-sounding name like the Church League of America and the brass of a Bundy and the ties of the interwoven Far Right outlets can do a lot of damage."

The League has done a lot of damage already. E. Edgerton Hart, the Executive Vice-President of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, has called the League's blacklisting and spying service "a very worthwhile thing." Based on League information, Hart mailed a bulletin to all the 5,400 factories and plants that belong to the IMA, warning them of SDS' plans for a summer work-in. Copies of this bulletin are now being distributed throughout the nation by local Chambers of Commerce.

Jay Miller, Executive Director of the Illinois Division of the American Civil Liberties Union, when contacted by the Chicago Sun-Times, called the "service" of the Church League "a morally reprehensible thing in a democracy."

Exposing Bundy and the Church League for what they are is only half the story, now they must be put out of business.

Exempt?

Church League probed on taxes

By Jerry De Muth

The Internal Revenue Service is investigating the Church League of America to determine whether it is violating the terms of its tax-exempt status, The Sun-Times learned Thursday.

The IRS investigation follows complaints by U.S. Senators and a Sun-Times story that described how the organization checks into the backgrounds of employees and jobseekers for businessmen in return for tax-exempt contributions.

The checkups, according to the league executive secretary, Edgar C. Bundy, are to determine whether such persons are "troublesome individuals," ranging from those who sign anti-war ads in newspapers to members of the Students for a Democratic Society.

The investigation has been undertaken to determine whether contributions made for the name-checking service should remain tax deductible and whether the league should be required to pay taxes on such contributions as business income.

IRS officials would not comment further on the investigation. Bundy said he knew nothing of any such investigation. "We have had no communication from the IRS regarding this," he commented.

The league has its national headquarters in a one-story building at 422 N. Prospect in Wheaton.

Bundy, in a letter offering the name-checking service to businessmen, says that the league's files are "the most reliable, comprehensive and complete" of their kind available.

This, according to an employee in the IRS's exempt-organization unit, "would indicate a person is getting his money's worth and there is no contribution involved."

He explained that only what a person pays beyond what service is worth is considered tax deductible.

Bundy requests \$25 for the first four name checks and \$5 for each additional name check.

The IRS employee also said he feels that income from the name-checking service should be taxable as income from an unrelated trade or business under Sect. 513 of the Internal Revenue Code.

This section refers to "any trade or business, the conduct of which is not substantially related to the exercise or performance by such organization of its charitable, educational, or other purposes or functions constituting the basis for its exemption."

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MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY,
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Reurlet dated 7/2/69.

The following is set out regarding EDGAR C. BUNDY
and the Church League of America (CLA) for your information.

BUNDY claims to be an ordained Baptist Minister,
that he has lectured on the continent and abroad on the
subject of Communist infiltration and concentrated his
remarks to the Communist infiltration of religious organi-
zations. In 1955, BUNDY served as an advisor to the American
Legion, Illinois District, on the Anti-Subversive Committee.
Also in 1955, he was President of the Abraham Lincoln Republican
Club, 82 West Washington Street, Chicago.

In 1954, BUNDY apparently deliberately misled the
Bureau in an attempt to obtain a Bureau speaker before a
purely political group in October, 1954. The Bureau has
advised that in view of BUNDY's background, contacts with
him are to be most circumspect, it being noted that at
one time, BUNDY was investigated for impersonation.

On June 11, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted]
Wheaton, Illinois, Police Department, advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] that over the years BUNDY has "run them ragged"
with reports of threats against himself and the CLA officers.
SCHNURSTEIN described BUNDY as a fearful, suspicious person,
and noted that nothing has ever happened to the premises
of CLA except for the theft of a few light bulbs from a
Christmas tree displayed in front of the CLA Office.

On August 22, 1969, the "Chicago Sun-Times,"
a daily metropolitan newspaper published in Chicago,
Illinois, carried an article which reflected that the

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Internal Revenue Service was conducting an investigation to determine whether the CLA was violating the terms of its tax-empt status. The article reflected that since BUNDY claims the CLA files are "the most reliable, comprehensive and complete of their kind available", IRS maintains it "would indicate a person is getting his money's worth and there is no contribution involved." The article also noted that BUNDY requests \$25.00 for the first four names checked through CLA files and \$5.00 for each additional name check.

The Bureau and Chicago have been aware for some years of BUNDY's controversial political activities, opportunism and unreliability.

The above is furnished to assist you in your reply to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and should of course be paraphrased to meet your needs.

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THE CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA
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ReKClet 7/2/69.

On 8/29/69 SA Intelligence Division, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Topeka, Kansas, advised that he is still interested in background and activity information with respect to captioned subject.

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Furnish information requested to Kansas City in as complete form as possible since works closely with this office in intelligence matters and has recently attended the Bureau's Organized Crime Conference for local police officers.

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BLACK POWER GROUP ASKS WCC FOR 144 MILLION

Recently an Ad Hoc group, which included two members of SNCC in the United States, a Nigerian and Dr. Nathan Hare, Director of the Black Studies Institute at San Francisco State College, presented a Declaration of Revolution to the policy-making Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, meeting in Canterbury, England, which charged white Christians with enslaving and killing hundreds of millions of black people. They demanded reparations in the amount of 144 million dollars "as an immediate attempt to alter existing relations of power."

WCC HELPS PERPETUATE CUBAN RED YOKE

According to the Spanish newspaper *EL TIEMPO* of New York, "the World Council of Churches (Protestant) meeting in Canterbury has made an urgent request to the United States, calling for the immediate resumption of diplomatic relations with Cuba."

"At the same time, the Central Committee of the Council has asked the committee of Latin American Churches to intercede in their respective countries so that normal commercial and diplomatic relations with Castro's Cuba be restored."

"In other words, what the Protestant clergy now convened in England really wants, is the perpetuation of the communist yoke upon the people of Cuba. To fortify Castro economically is to compound the felony which Washington has perpetuated upon a freedom loving people who were once our number one customers and best proven allies. Be careful, Mr. Nixon."

SEX EDUCATION IN BIBLICAL LANGUAGE

A senior high school course on sex education which draws heavily on the Bible will be offered this school year by congregations of the American Lutheran Church. (ALC)

The course, which stresses the non-biological aspects of sex, states that "God has created sex to be attractive, fascinating, thrilling, exciting, mysterious, powerful and revealing." It notes that sexual practices and responses vary, and that in the development of mankind, "no single normal standard has ever existed that can be made to apply to civilization as a whole."

Course materials speak of the terms used in the Bible for sexual intercourse as "to know," "to become one flesh," "to lie down with" and "to go in to."

Rev. Norman Wegmeyer, ALC parish education leadership director, said response to the course has been "most positive," and that teacher training for it is the most comprehensive of any undertaken by the ALC.

BIBLE READING STATUTE UPHELD

Perhaps the headline should be repeated for emphasis!

A group of North Dakota legislators declined to tamper with two North Dakota laws which permit Bible reading in public schools and require display of the Ten Commandments in all classrooms. An attempt to get the Legislature to wipe the laws off the books was overwhelmingly defeated on a voice vote.

However, officials reported that only a small percentage of public school teachers read the Bible in classrooms and very few schools display the placards bearing the Ten Commandments.

Dean Bard, assistant director of the Legislative Council of North Dakota said it did not appear that the optional Bible reading law, which has been on the books since 1890, was in conflict with the U. S. Supreme Court's ban on mandatory Bible reading. He admitted, however, that there was a great amount of pressure to take the mandatory provision in the law on the display of the Ten Commandments off the books.

U. S. COMMUNISTS VISIT NORTH KOREA

A delegation headed by John Pittman, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party U.S.A. and co-editor of the *DAILY WORLD*, recently met with delegates of the North Korean Communist Party at Pyongyang.

The United States Communists heard Pak Sen Cher, head of the political bureau of the Korean Labor Party, state that the visit of the United States Communists "was of great significance in strengthening the bonds of friendship between two parties struggling against a common enemy, U. S. Imperialism."

FEDERAL FUNDS FOR SEX NOVELS

According to a Newark, New Jersey source the federal job corps centers used \$10,000.00 worth of the taxpayers' money to purchase lurid sex novels such as "Orgy at Madame Dracula's," "Sex Turned On," "Candy," "French Art of Love," "Call House Madam," and "The Nude Wore Black."

An official of the center described the books as "soul material" which would increase the reading abilities of second and fourth grade level persons and "improve their literary interests."

URPE

The Union for Radical Political Economics held its second annual conference at Camp Sea Gull near Charlevoix, Michigan in September and urged a "more extensive classroom study of Marxism." URPE claims that it has doubled its membership to 500 in the year since it was organized with many of its members teaching economics on the college and university level.

One of the features at the meeting was the showing of films produced by an underground film syndicate known as Newsreel Films Company which featured scenes from Red Cuba and a recent student strike at the University of California (Berkeley).

PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY DISBANDS

The Peace and Freedom Party, left wing group, with party membership down to 50 people and finances depleted, announced in New York City in September that it was disbanding.

Main reason for going out of business was given as "The party's failure as an umbrella group seeking to unite radical and left liberals around common causes."

LEFT WING COMICS FOR KIDS

The radical publication from San Francisco known as *THE MOVEMENT*, has come up with a "Children's Page," entitled "Good Things To Know," on which appears four cartoons.

The first attacks the authority of the school teacher. The second one attacks the authority of the jail warden. The third attacks the authority of the police and states "Police in General are PIGS." The fourth one is still another attack on the police and contains the statement: "PIGS are More Dangerous Than Crocodiles."

TRAINING THE YOUNG FOR REVOLUTION

In the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, New York is a church in which Black Panther leaders are instructing children ranging from 4 years of age to 14 in a new Panther program known as "The Liberation School."

Hatred for the Capitalistic system and its exponents is being instilled into the young people through question and answer sessions with the children being given the answers to shout back in chorus to the leaders.

For example, the teacher asks:

"How many types of Pigs are there?"

Students reply: "Four kinds."

Teacher: "Name them."

Students reply:

"The avaricious, businessman Pig (who may be a landlord or a store owner, the teacher interjected). The police Pig, the President Pig and the National Guard Pig."

NEW LAW GROUP ASSISTS LEFTISTS

One of New York City's newest law firms is situated in a walk-up on 9th Avenue at 42nd Street, calling itself the Law Firm for Constitutional Rights. This group offers legal council to The Movement, the generic term covering anti-war protestors, Black Panthers, SDS, the Student National Coordinating Committee, other left groups and radicals in general.

Among the lawyers serving "the cause" are: Morton Stavis, 54, corporation lawyer from Newark, N.J.; William Kunstler, who has been involved in most labor civil rights cases recently and who has been legal counsel for radicals of the New Left; Professor Arthur Kinoy of Rutgers University Law School, and partner of Kunstler; and Benjamin E. Smith of New Orleans who led what was called the "Mississippi

Challenge", an effort to seat a Black Mississippi Congressional Delegation three years ago.

The office opened on a budget of \$40,000.00 (provided by other unidentified "lawyer friends") in Newark. Now it has moved to New York City with a budget of \$120,000.00 received from unidentified donors and a staff of five young lawyers, three secretaries and a full time administrator.

The group has a mailing list of 500 lawyers.

In recent days Yippie leader Jerry Rubin and H. Rap Brown were seen visiting in the Headquarters. Most of the visitors to the center have been black militants with a strong anti-semitic sentiment.

This is ironical as most of the lawyers making up the group are Jewish.

Kunstler stated that he could "understand the anti-semitic feelings of slum negroes since the visible enemy in the ghetto is often the Jewish landlord and shopkeeper."

Another lawyer in the group, Peter Weiss, said that "I believe that much of the anti-Israel feeling on the Left and among blacks stems from ignorance. They don't realize there's a Left in Israel, too."

BLACK MANIFESTO RELIGIOUS STORY OF THE YEAR

—said Dr. Al Stauderman, associate editor of *The Lutheran Magazine* when he made his 18th annual presentation of the Top Ten Religious Stories of the Year at the 56th annual convention of the National Lutheran Editors and Managers Association. He admitted that the stories he lists as Top Ten are not necessarily the most important or constructive since news space often goes to the spectacular, the outrageous or the bizarre.

The Black Manifesto, he said, is a good example of how a minority within a minority can control a large movement and secure a large share of public attention.

HISC FACING "TRIAL"

A federal court of appeals in Chicago recently handed down a decision which will, in effect, place the House Internal Security Committee (formerly House Committee on Un-American Activities) on trial. The appellate court was unanimous in overruling a lower court decision that the investigative committee was immune from suit under Article I of the Constitution.

Seven "civil liberties" lawyers headed by Arthur Kinoy, noted for his tilts with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, began

the campaign in 1965. Kinoy said that he would call as witnesses many of the committee's "victims" in order to show that "the only purpose of HISC over the years has been to pillory people and still dissent." He claimed that the committee has conducted a "30-year witch hunt."

U.S. RADICALS BUSY TRAVELING

According to a recent issue of the Communist publication *GUARDIAN* (August 30, 1969) youthful American leftists are very busy meeting with the enemies of the United States in foreign countries.

An outstanding example of this is the trip made early in July, 1969 by about 30 young American radicals to Havana where they met with representatives of the so-called Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Viet Nam and representatives of the Communist Government of North Viet Nam.

The meeting lasted for a full 8 days. The American Delegation was said to be composed mainly of local and regional organizers from groups at the hard core of the New Left, mostly SDS.

Upon return to the United States, spokesman for the American Delegation said:

"It is obvious to all of us that the United States has lost the war and is in the same position the French were in after Dienbienphu. The French left Viet Nam but the U.S. refuses to leave. Most Americans do not know what is happening in Viet Nam. We feel it is our responsibility to tell everyone what we know by talking to groups, through posters and pamphlets and through demonstrations."

The group then gave two New York City telephone numbers and the headquarters address of the New York SDS. They offer speakers or material about the meeting in Havana and the situation in Viet Nam.

NEW MARXIST TRAINING SCHOOL

The latest center for indoctrinating American citizens with Marxist propaganda is located at 29 West 15th Street in New York City and is known as "Center for Marxist Education."

It was organized by people who were involved in the old Jefferson School for Social Science, "who got together and decided it was more than time to establish a place where people could get together to learn and teach about Marxism", to use the words of John Gallo, a young man who was interviewed by the *DAILY WORLD*,

Communist Party newspaper, September 13, 1969.

Gallo said further that the new school "is going to be a permanent center in the United States for anything to do with Marxism, and we are hopeful that in the course of time it will play an increasingly important role in both the movement here and internationally as well."

The curriculum has started off with 18 different courses. Students will be shown "how to apply Marxist-Leninist theory to here-and-now problems. The courses are going to be led by people who are playing active roles in day-to-day struggles."

Gallo declared that "these needs are not being met by the existing universities, by the schools in general, by the internal classes of various organizations or by an individual reading something on his own."

The school plans to set up eventually a day-care center with children's classes.

Herbert Aptheker, theoretician of the Communist Party, is scheduled to lead off a forum series at the school, beginning on October 22, 1969.

Perhaps Marxist Aptheker will be commuting between Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and the new Marxist Center in New York since he has already been appointed as a lecturer at one of those universities which, according to Gallo, has not met the "needs" of the radical Left.

CONSUMER CO-OPS PLUGGED BY THE DAILY WORLD

The September 13, 1969 issue of the *DAILY WORLD*, Communist newspaper, gives considerable space to consumer co-operative societies from the San Francisco Bay area which, it claims, are doing a multi-million dollar business annually.

These co-ops range from agricultural to housing associations, and include farmers, trade unionists, black people and students in Berkeley.

W. A. Harju, identified as a "pioneer co-operator and a prominent trade unionist of the San Francisco Bay area", writing in the *DAILY WORLD*, states:

"During the month and into the future the co-operators must endeavor to bring before the people the great mission of the world co-operative movement for world peace and disarmament as it is enunciated by the International Co-operative Alliance."

(Editor's note: The majority of the members of International Co-operative Alliance reside in the USSR!)

ANOTHER ONE!

It appears that the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs are soon to be replaced by another captive group of the Communist Party. A call was sent out in September for a founding convention of "a working class Marxist-Leninist youth organization" to be held December 26-28, 1969 in Chicago.

Members of the DuBois Clubs, young members of the Communist Party and other Marxist youth will form the core and leadership of the new organization, according to the call. A Temporary Organizing Committee for a New Marxist-Leninist Youth Organization has set up headquarters at 22 East 17th Street, New York, and appeals are being circulated among young "black, brown and white workers."

The call, published in the *DAILY WORLD*, the Communist Party newspaper, of September 25, 1969, stated: "It is these young workers which (sic) will lead the youth movement into a powerful alliance with the whole working class and nationally oppressed black, Chicano, Puerto Rican and Indian peoples—an alliance for progress and socialism."

BLACK TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER "RED"

In an unprecedented action, the University of California Regents ordered Angela Davis, a black assistant professor of philosophy at UCLA, dismissed because she is admittedly a member of the Communist Party. However, before the protests could reach high pitch, Professor Donald Kalish, the well-known "peace" demonstrator, assigned Miss Davis to teach a black literature course, "pending a hearing on her dismissal."

Needless to say, an Ad Hoc Committee to Coordinate the Defense of Professor Davis has been set up at UCLA.

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Re complaint taken by [REDACTED] SA, 12/19/68, of EDGAR C. BUNDY, Executive Secretary, Church League of America, 422 N. Prospect, Wheaton, Illinois, advising of concern re SDS activity at Wheaton High School. Students have published a paper entitled "ALTERNATIVE" off campus. This paper has SDS letterhead and contains derogatory comments and cartoons concerning FBI. Complainant advised he would like to furnish paper and be contacted.

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Rememo SA [REDACTED] 1/9/69 re "SDS, SM-C" reflecting:

Regarding complaint form dated 12/19/68 taken by SA [REDACTED] (100-40903-7405)

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After numerous attempts EDGAR C. BUNDY, Executive Church League of America, was contacted by the writer in connection with the above complaint. He made available copy of "Alternative" for December, 1968, an underground newspaper put out by Students of Wheaton North High School, Wheaton, Illinois, and printed by the Benson Printing Company, Wheaton, Illinois. BUNDY offered complete cooperation and use of the files of the Church League.

MRS. [REDACTED] BUNDYs. said that she learned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the Benson Printing Company's owner, [REDACTED] in the printing of the "ALTERNATIVE" along with the students listed in the issue of the paper. She advised that some faculty members are involved with the printing also.

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"Chicago Daily News"

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"Chicago Daily News" 6/12/69 p. 14, c.1, reflects article entitled "The Secret-Private Police"

Article concerning EDGAR C. BUNDY, who is executive Secretary of 'Church League of America', headquarters in Wheaton. BUNDY is described as right-wing and anti-everything to the left which included a startling collection of organizations and individuals.

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Letter to HONORABLE PATRICK GRAY, Director, FBI, 11/6/72 from EDGAR C. BUNDY, Executive Secretary of Church League of America, requesting MR. GRAY to speak at seminar in Palm Beach Florida 4/12/ and 4/13/73.

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Copy of letter to EDGAR C. BUNDY 11/16/72 from L. PATRICK GRAY, Director, FBI, declining invitation to speak at seminar in Palm Beach Florida 4/12 and 4/13/73.

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Voluminous material concerning "Church League of America" to be reviewed by Agent handling case, which reflects history of organization.

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